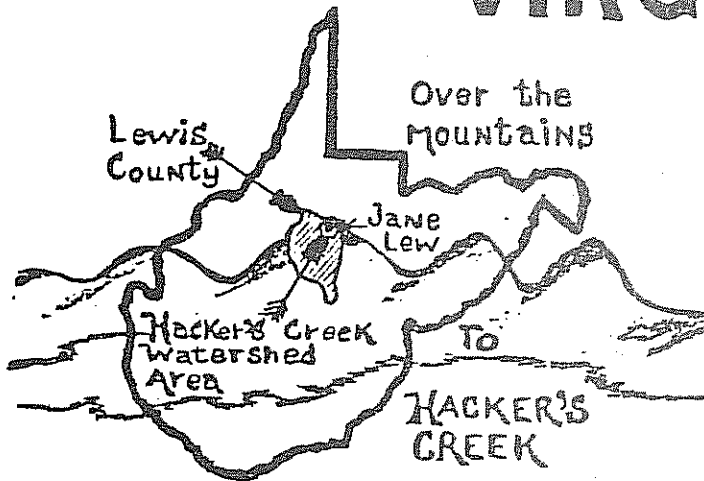


*Edward Lee Allman*

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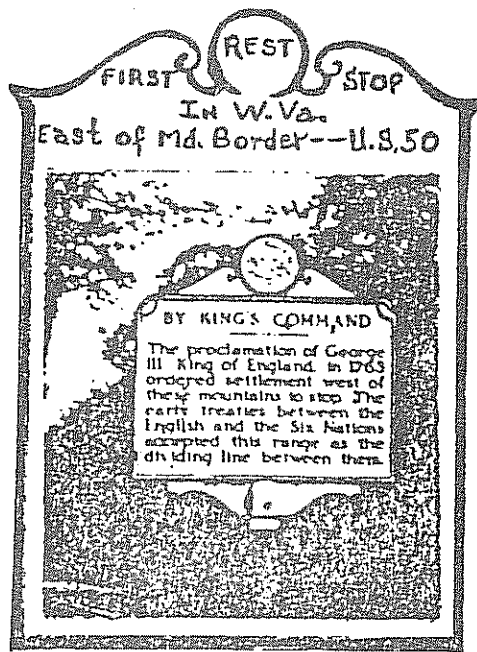
## HACKER'S CREEK W. VA.

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HACKER'S-CREEK-PIONEER-DESCENDANTS-  
ORGANIZED--OCTOBER, 1982

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in the history and/or genealogy of the Hacker's Creek area. Hacker's Creek is defined as that area included in the watershed drained by said stream. (Includes Lewis County and adjoining areas of West Virginia.)

Membership dues begin October 1 and are effective through September of the following year.

\$12.00 for a single membership  
and

\$17.00 for a joint membership  
(entitled to one copy of each  
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Members will receive four Journals plus an annual Index. They are encouraged to send a free query for each issue.

Send dues to: Ann Walker  
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Jane Lew, WV 26378

explanation of cover--

The line at top coming from East, or right,  
goes to West--bringing in people to West Virginia

The mountains super-imposed on the outline  
of the State shows the roughness, or hardships,  
of their travel. As they usually would move on  
at the "crack of dawn," the sun is shining on  
the east side of the mountains and shadows are  
falling on the west side.

Arrows pointing to specific spots have  
arrowheads for points to represent the  
problems early settlers faced.

The road sign is self-explanatory.

Various types of printing represent different  
families, names, etc.

The line extending off the page to the left,  
or West, represents those who migrated farther  
west.

- Ardis Lamb  
Marcellus, Michigan

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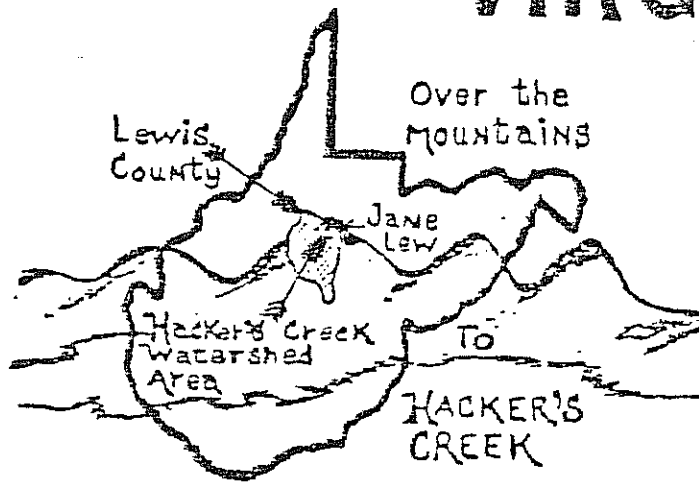
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Back at the Mill, several persons were still researching in the HCPD Library which had been left in charge of two members. The center remained open until 5pm when the meeting closed until 26 Sept 1986.

As usual the gathering was the sight of much camaraderie, good times and information exchange. Family members had time to "get to know" those with whom they had corresponded or whom they had never met. The food was delicious and there was plenty of it. Those who stayed at the lodge and on the camp grounds had the pleasure of returning to rooms that were clean and neat - and those who stayed in their trailers in the camping area were lulled to sleep for a couple of nights by the bawling of cattle in the cattle barn awaiting sale. (Sorry, folks!)

A list of registrants for the gathering will be found on a later page.

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#### FIFTH ANNUAL HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS GATHERING

It's not too early to mark Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 26, 27, and 28, 1986, on your calendar as the dates for the Fifth Annual Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Gathering. The Executive Committee is already making plans. Why don't you plan to attend?? We'll be glad to have you!!

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#### SEMINAR BEING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY

The Executive Committee is formulating plans for a seminar on beginning genealogy to be held at Jackson's Mill in February or March. It will be an all day session and cost will be \$15 plus lunch. Watch for more information on this in the January issue.

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#### PLAUDITS

Some special thank yous are in order for the work done by various members during our 1985 membership year:

- James J. Strong - for the time and effort (and funds) he donated to the organization during his term as Secretary-Treasurer. Well done, JIM!
- Ella Maroon - for the great job she did indexing the Volume III of the Hacker's Creek Journal. She's going to continue the job next year.
- Ed Allman - for the two picture books he compiled for the organization. More on this in another article in this Journal.
- Lolita Guthrie (and her Wood County, Ohio, friends) - for the many trips around the pool table assembling the Journal and the back issues and for the excellent job she does spreading the word about the HCPD organization.
- Dennis Rodgers - for volunteering to serve as our legal counsel.
- Doris Poinsett - for the research she has done in Washington for various articles.
- Cris Wagoner - for the information she provides for articles from her personal library and research.
- All the members - for supplying family group sheets, submitting queries, and paying your dues. Without you, there would be no organization and no reason for a Journal. To those of you who have taken time to write letters - praising and/or criticizing the officers, a special thank you for caring enough to take the time to write.

Portion of a Speech by John Randolph,  
Curator of Fort New Salem, Harrison County,  
West Virginia, to HCPD - 28 September 1985

From notes of Dennis B. Rodgers

In 1782, a group of forty families from New Jersey settled on White Day Creek in Harrison County. They were Christian - Seventh Day Adventists - and in contrast to the earlier pioneers who wore mostly skins, they wore leather shoes and clothes. They acquired land, where Fort New Salem is now located, from the widow of one Swearinger (Swearingen?), who was forced to sell in order to prevent a reversion back to the State. At that time women could not hold title to land, and if a decedent had no adult male heirs, the widow was given a limited time to liquidate the estate prior to mandatory forfeiture (escheat?).

The Indians found by the pioneers in those days were somewhat doe-like, as was evidenced by the story of the little Indian boy who frequently appeared at the edge of a clearing and came to trust a young girl, but who was shot, he having been mistakenly taken as a threat to the white settlement.

Many pioneers were of Scotch-Irish descent. They were very independent (proud of who they were and what they were) and their society was a strong matriarchal one. They had a strong love of homeland and family, and were wed to the land. They were animal (cattle) raisers and they were great swappers. They had "toot" work habits - work and save, then blow it all - and they had an easy going pace of life. They took things at face value (and hence were easily deceived, as by the oil barons in more modern times). They had difficulty saying "good-bye", had a morbid streak in them as related to illnesses, and had a strong feeling for the "evil-eye", as, for example, a deterrent to impertinent staring.

In the early days, cloth was made on a "barn" loom, which got its name because of its size. Some people even had weaving rooms. By the Civil War, every house had a spinning wheel, either of the stand-up type, or of the later, more efficient type called a "Saxony". Wool was picked and carded (or with experience, picked very carefully), and if the household included spinster aunts or girls, the spinning wheel was probably going constantly.

Rag rugs were less time consuming to make, and quilting was most generally done in a "quilt as you go" fashion. The "log cabin" pattern was the most common, and green color which was vegetable dye faded quickly. Old clothes were cut up and used in making crazy quilts.

Pioneers were afraid of getting sick. They didn't drink the water until after the kids had tried it.

They cut the horns off of the cattle - they posed a danger to the kids - and used them for small powder horns. Some scrimshaw carving was done on these horns.

The "saying" of the time, from Indian days, was "keep your mouth shut (to the kids so that activity outside the cabin could be heard) and your powder dry" (guns and powder were kept in the driest spot in the house, over the fireplace).

Pioneers made corn pone in Dutch ovens, used bird eggs, and used honey as a sweetener. They ate off of wooden trenchers and their utensils were carved wooden spoons and knives. The first forks were twigs cut from trees.

Apples and corn were their major crops until squash and beans were brought in, and they gathered wild grapes. These foods were dried for later consumption.

A pickling process was used for meats; they got salt by boiling at the salt licks. They soaked meat in salt water in huge troughs carved from sycamore trees. Once done, the meat was removed with a wooden hook (a fork from a tree), hung to drip, and washed in a stream. Some of the sycamore trees were so large that ten grown men couldn't touch finger tip to finger tip around one of them.

The language then, with remnants today, was the Jacobean tongue, used twelve generations ago in in England.

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Query Answers - cont.

descendants for eight generations. Butcher, with six brothers, is believed to have served in the Revolution under Washington and four of this number gave up their lives in the service.

Perhaps Samuel Butcher (Lt.) b. Loudon Co., VA, 28 Mar 1756, was a brother, as both records, those for Paulser and Samuel, mention serving under Gen. Washington. Abstracts of Samuel's will matches the Samuel Butcher in the HISTORY OF THE UPPER MONONGAHELA VALLEY by Butcher, p. 1121-1125, Vol. 2. Most of Samuel's family moved to Wood Co., WV.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF  
HACKERS CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS

September 28, 1985

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Bob Smith and opened with a prayer offered by Jim Strong, the Secretary-Treasurer. Bob read some correspondence and the July 6, 1985, minutes of a meeting of the executive board, which minutes included plans for the annual gathering and a tentative schedule. Joyce Chambers will furnish the music; Joy will make a slide presentation.

Bob noted that our organization is listed in the publication of the West Virginia Historical Society. This year we invited other historical groups to join us (Bob read the letter sent to the other organizations), but we got no responses. We will try again next year.

Maurice Allman has arranged to have Channel 5 television coverage of the placing of John Hacker's tombstone back in the Morrison Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. Joy is going to prepare a write-up for this event for publication in the Clarksburg newspaper. Myra Littleman of Clarksburg Publishing Company was unable to be present for coverage of the Sunday tombstone dedication and asked that a member supply her with all pertinent information. After it appears in the Clarksburg paper, it is expected to be printed in other area newspapers. Bud Allman suggested Images as a possible publication to include it; Bob "elected" him to see that it is done. Bob will take care of getting it published in the Weston Democrat.

Bob briefly discussed an unsigned card which several of the members received complaining about the locking of the doors during mealtimes. Dennis



spoke for the group when he said we would all be willing to endure a slight inconvenience in order to assure the safety of the materials we brought.

HCPD/Joy were praised for the information in the Journal, the scope and completeness of it, and it shines in comparison to a Virginia journal, one member noted. Regarding queries in the Journal, Bob asked that the readers/members be patient - queries will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Bud Allman, who took the tour guide from last year and took photographs of grave markers in many, many cemeteries, assembling them attractively in notebooks, has delighted members with his labors. The books will be published.

Lolita Guthrie was recognized by Joy and the group for the tremendous amount of work she performs on behalf of HCPD, assembling journals, shipping by UPS, etc. Lolita and Frances Dougherty went to a seminar in Coshocton on genealogy.

HCPD has between 60 and 100 of every back issue of the Journal, for a \$2,500 inventory. They will only be sold by a full volume.

There have been 290 ancestor charts received. Chuck Gilchrist spent two weekends copying off every name and putting them on index cards. These compiled ancestor charts will be published and offered for \$10.00 plus postage and handling. Later they will be sold at \$12.00 each. Proceeds from these sales will go to the Morrison Cemetery Fund for its upkeep.

Bob thanked Jim Strong for a job well done as Secretary/Treasurer.

Lolita stated that, regarding publicity, she mails journals to about ten other areas--Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, etc. Each person can be a carrier of journals and brochures. For \$12.00, it is a very little cost.

Bob is a charter member of Palletines to America, West Virginia Chapter. Ships' records of people carried to America, the name of the ship, number of cabin, etc., are made available to members.

Dennis reported that stuff sent to IRS was returned because of a discrepancy in our fiscal year. It is from October 1 to October 1, which was erroneously stated as May 1 to May 1 in the papers sent to the IRS. This has been corrected. Dennis needs information from Betty Grabill regarding efforts to qualify as a non-profit organization by the first of the year (Dennis must have his needed information by November 1st). We do not need to be incorporated in order to qualify for non-profit status, but that would mean a saving in postage from "bulk rate."

Bob pointed out that we need a way of protecting our Journals from being copied and published.

Something to work on in the future is getting highway markers put up to mark the Hacker sites.

Jim gave a report on the membership - 309 minus 34, or 10%. This is good! Most organizations lose as much as 20% in members each year. He has back issues of Volumes I, II, and III available. He is not in a position to give a financial statement at this time, but stated that he took in over \$2,000 for the gathering. Not counting the gathering's receipts, Jim said there is approximately \$300 as a balance. On the postage deal, the new year begins November 1. You pay a "bulk" mailing charge for a year. It costs about \$185.00 a quarter for bulk mailing rate. Jim has come up with a proposed budget for the coming year, as is prescribed by the By-Laws. Jim and Evelyn, his wife, have travel plans for the coming year, expecting to wind up in Oregon next August. Jim thanked everybody for their kindness during his service as Secretary/Treasurer.

Bob announced that HCPD would be attending the church service at Buckhannon Run Church at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, as a group. Rella Smith said she used to teach school across from the church (11 students in 4 grades!).

Lolita encouraged everybody to pay their dues for the coming year to defray publishing costs of the journals.

Barbara McCarty says this is one of the biggest things in her life and she has enjoyed serving as vice president for the past year.

Dennis pointed out that we are to discuss, modify and adopt the budget at this meeting. Bob made sure that everyone had received a copy. There was a motion and seconding that, after the copier repair bills (totaling about \$400), the budget be accepted and approved. (The copier is still defective.) It was suggested that the cost of office supplies be doubled - to \$800. It was moved that the budget be amended, increasing Office Expense to \$800. After that motion was unanimously voted affirmative, by motion and seconding and affirmative vote, the budget was approved.

There were only two offices to be elected this year, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. The nominating committee presented Barbara McCarty as Vice President and Ann Walker as Secretary/Treasurer for the coming year. There was a motion that these officers be elected by acclamation, which motion was seconded and passed.

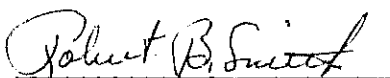
Bob introduced his Aunt Pearl Smith Robinson to the group.

Dennis Rodgers was declared to be our attorney, our legal counsel.

The meeting was adjourned by motion, second, and unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

  
Robert Smith, President

  
Ann Walker, Secretary/Treasurer

September 30, 1985

HACKERS CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS

PROPOSED BUDGET  
OCT. 1, 1985 - OCT. 1, 1986

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ESTIMATED INCOME:

|                            |               |             |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| MEMBERSHIP DUES (300 X 12) | \$ 3,600.00   |             |
| POSTAGE DONATIONS          | 20.00         |             |
| SALES OF BACK JOURNALS     | 200.00        |             |
| INTEREST EARNED            | 50.00         |             |
| MORRISON CEM. DONATIONS    | <u>150.00</u> |             |
|                            |               | \$ 4,020.00 |

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

|                   |               |          |
|-------------------|---------------|----------|
| PRINTING          | 1,500.00      |          |
| POSTAGE           | 500.00        |          |
| OFFICE            | 400.00        |          |
| MORRISON CEMETERY | <u>500.00</u> |          |
|                   |               | 2,900.00 |

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|----------------------|---------------|
| ESTIMATED NET INCOME | 1,120.00      |
| BANK BOOK BALANCE    | <u>360.00</u> |

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| ESTIMATED BALANCE OF ACCOUNT OCT. 1, 1986 | <u><u>\$ 1,480.00</u></u> |
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SEC.-TREAS. HCPD

321 Highland Ave. SW  
Massillon, OH.44646  
September 12, 1985

Dear members of Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants,

Remember your heritage and be proud. Our ancestors had a common purpose which was to survive in the wild country in which they lived. They not only survived but they flourished and spread throughout our land. Now it is our charge to research the records of their lives and their progeny. We can preserve their genealogical data and by making it available for future generations, we can be assured that they will not be forgotten. We can also maintain their final resting places as they await resurrection.

We are in a unique position as members of the HCPD in that we can use our journal as a repository for this material. If we prepare it for Joy to publish, just be sure to write it right. Make sure to always give the sources for your material. Write a bibliography for everything. She has no time to verify your work. Anything she publishes without verification would be unfair to future generations. Remember. Our journal will be around centuries from now, long after we are gone.

Now a personal note. A year ago, when I was elected as secy./treas. of HCPD, I was not experienced in the job. I did do my best to serve you however. No check I received was ever cashed. All were deposited and bills were only paid after strict justification. We now have over 300 members less the ones who have dropped out over the 3 years we have been in existence. That amounts to about 10% which is far less than similar organizations. Many run 20% a year. We are growing as is genealogy, which now ranks third, the fastest growing hobby. Each of us can enlist new members by spreading the word of our existence.

Last April a cousin of mine told me her husband was leading a tour to the holy land and asked my wife and I to join them. Having always wanted to go, we made reservations to go with them this November. This winter I want to chase the sun. I love the four seasons but find much of January and February unpleasant in Ohio. Next August, we want to go to the Strong Family Association of America annual meeting. It will be in Eugene, Oregon in 1986. In that we will not be available for at least 4 months, I would not be here when three issues of the HCPD journal come from the printer. Therefore, since I cannot give the job my best shot, I cannot repeat as Secy/Treas. in 1986.

I thank each of you for your tolerance, thanks, and notes of encouragement.

Sincerely yours,



James J. Strong, Secy/Treas.  
Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants

### MISSING BOOK!

Ed Allman of Clarksburg, WV, spent the past year touring Lewis, Harrison and Upshur Counties and taking great pictures of tombstones and other historic sights. With the help of his wife, he whitewashed the tombstones with a paste of talcum powder and water and outlined letters with artists' charcoal. He was thorough in his work and did an excellent job. He combined these pictures with a copy of the tour guide used by the narrators on the 1984 tour of the Hacker's Creek area and compiled two large notebooks which he presented to the HCPD Library at this year's gathering.

When the Executive Committee saw the books, they immediately decided that they should be published to share with all members of HCPD - but, alas, that may not be! Someone took the larger of the two books during Saturday evening's speech by John Randolph. The Executive Committee hopes that the book was inadvertently taken home by someone and will be returned. It is a 3-ring binder (3 inches thick) with approximately 500 pictures in it. Please, please check your things and see if you took it home by mistake!

Although Ed has the negatives, they are mixed with similar pictures he took for Harrison County and would require many months of sorting and driving to the various cemeteries to determine where each negative belongs.

If you have the book, return it and no questions will be asked. Send it to any of the officers.

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### THE ANONYMOUS POSTCARD

Several members received postcards prior to the 1985 gathering which criticized the "locked door during meals" policy at the gatherings. This decision was made jointly by the Executive Committee and was not the idea of any one person. The hope was to prevent an occurrence like the "Missing Book" mentioned above.

It was never the intention to prevent anyone from using the library to its fullest extent. The policy was established to protect the property, not only of the library, but also the personal property of all who brought their materials. Our members share their information generously and have the right to have their collections protected while they are not present in the building.

Many people at the gathering stated that they were happy with the policy and would not have brought their materials had it not been enforced. Since the gathering, several have written to say that they wholeheartedly agreed with the policy.

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### NEW BOOK

EARLY LEWIS AND HARRISON COUNTY, W. VA. FAMILIES, THEIR DESCENDANTS AND ALLIED FAMILIES, a book of 290 ancestor charts and an every-name index, has gone to press. The charts were submitted by about 50 of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and include many of the earliest families in Central West Virginia. Bound in soft cover, the book is three-hole punched for notebook insertion. Pre-distribution price is \$10.00, plus \$1.65 postage and handling. After November 30, the price is \$12.00, plus \$1.65 postage and handling. Payment should accompany the order.

It was stated at the gathering that these would be ready by November 1. However, due to a delay at the printers, please don't expect them before December 1 (in time for Christmas gift giving)! Send orders to: Lolita Guthrie, 123 N. Grove Street, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402.

RATCLIFF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Collecting data on all Ratcliff-Radcliff-Ratliff families - Clarence E. Ratcliff, Box 458, Hinton, WV 25951.

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ABRAHAM WESTFALL

Ref: Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana by Waters  
Pens W.9883 VA

Buried in Knox Co., IN; b. Hampshire Co., VA.; d. Dec 1832 or Jan 1833, s/o John and Sarah Westfall; brother of Isaac, Jacob, Abel, Cornelius and John; m. 11 Oct 1789, Vincennes, Knox Co., IN (Northwest Territory). Massey Harbin, ae 69 in her pension application of 12 Nov 1839, Knox Co., IN, said she was d/o Joshua and Elizabeth Harbin and was the widow of Abraham. They had seven children-four deceased by 1840. Children were Abraham H., the youngest son, m. Elizabeth Harbor; James m. (1) Rebecca Ferguson and (2) Mary Bedell and (3) Prudence Flowers; Thomas m. Polly Springer; Sally m. William Scott; Isaac; Joshua.

Affadavit of Michael Thorn, ae 76: that during War he knew Abel, Cornelius and Abraham Westfall, brothers; that Abel was a captain, Cornelius, his lieutenant, Abraham a private; that he heard the late Abel say that Abraham was eligible for a pension but Abraham refused to apply; that he was present at marriage of Abraham to Massey Harbin in her father's home.

Affadavit, Knox Co., IN, of Sarah Harnees, ae 81, b. Hampshire Co., VA; that she knew the Westfalls where they had lived near her on South Branch of Potomac; that Abel, elder brother of Abraham, enlisted at a camp in neighborhood near what is now called Moorfield on 28 Feb 1776 and that Abraham joined.

14 Jan 1801 - Abraham Westfall was appointed Judge of Probate Court, Knox Co., IN.

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WORTHINGTON DESCENDANTS

Jim Strong received a letter from Francis Brengle, Editor of "Worthington Descendants", a newsletter about families of that name. If anyone is interested, her address is 6619 Pheasant Rd. #16, Baltimore, MD 21220. Subscription is \$12.00 yearly.

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ANOTHER JOHN HACKER

Ref: SOME EMIGRANTS TO VIRGINIA, 2nd. Edition, Enlarged, by W. G. Stanard, Pub. by Gen Pub. Co. 1972, p. 40

"Hacker, John (in VA 1653, & c); son of John Hacker of Stepney, Middlesex, and Nephew of Thomas Hacker of Penzance, Cornwall.

W.G. 878"

NOTE: W.G. refers to WATER'S GLEANINGS

Submitted by Susie Davis Nicholson

#### DUES TIME

It's time to pay your dues for 1986. The HCPD year is from October 1 to October 1. If you have not paid for the coming year, please do so as soon as possible.

It is the policy of HCPD to mail the October issue to all who were members of the organization during the previous year - because we believe that most of you intend to renew your membership. This entails the organization with some expense and the loss of some revenue because we realize there are some who will not renew. So, please help us out and get yours in as soon as possible.

Dues remain the same: \$12.00 for a single and \$17 for a joint or family membership.

Mail them to our new Secretary-Treasurer, Ann Walker, Rt. 1 Box 33P, Jane Lew, W. Va. 26378.

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#### INDEX FOR BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA

Doris Poinsett, 5920 31st Place NW, Washington, DC 20015, still has the index for BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA and maps of Upshur County for sale. Write to her for further information.

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#### PAPERWEIGHTS

To earn funds to support the Morrison Cemetery, the HCPD Executive Committee had a paperweight honoring the early pioneers designed by Larry Smith and molded by a Weston glassmaker. A limited number were made and only ten remain.

Of clear glass with a blue background and gold inscription, they make lovely reminders of our heritage.

If you didn't attend the gathering and would like one of these, the cost is \$10, plus \$3.00 postage and insurance. They are available from Joy Gilchrist, 22406 SW 751, West Lafayette, Ohio 43845

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#### FAMILY REGISTRY

The LDS Church has a program which can be very helpful to researchers. Called the Family Registry, it is an index of families being worked on by researchers all over the world. An index is maintained and sent to their stake libraries on a quarterly basis. I have had two "finds" as a result of the registry and highly recommend it to all of our members. A copy of the form appears on the next page. Why not fill one out for each of your early lines and submit it now. It's FREE.

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#### D.A.R. Application on John Waggoner

Cris Wagoner of Casper, WY, has had her records for John Waggoner (Wagner) accepted by D.A.R. Henceforth, all applications for D.A.R. will have to either join on John Waggoner, b. 1751/52, d. 1840, or John M. (Michael) Waggoner. She finally has Ross B. Johnson's records separated. He had lumped the two John's together. She felt that John Waggoner, b. 1751, deserved it - after all, he earned it.



# Research Coordination Registration

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY  
SAINTS

Family Registry, Genealogical Department  
50 East North Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

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By registering, you indicate your willingness to coordinate your research efforts with others. Your name and address and some of the genealogical information on this form will be computerized to produce the Family Registry Index. TYPE or PRINT with black or blue-black ink. This form will be microfilmed.

## Registrant Information

|                             |  |              |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|
| Your name                   | Alternate person to contact in case of returned mail |              |
| Your street address         | Alternate's street address                           |              |
| City, state, zip code       | City, state, zip code                                |              |
| Telephone (optional)<br>( ) | Telephone (optional)<br>( )                          | Today's date |

## Information About Deceased Individual Being Researched

Please register only one individual per form

Name of individual (given, surname) ☐ Male ☐ Female

Birth/Christening date (day, month, year)

Place (parish/town, county, state/country)

Death/Burial date (day, month, year)

Place (parish/town, county, state/country)

## Father:

b.  
m.  
d.

## Mother:

b.  
d.

## Marriage Information About Individual

Name of first spouse (given, surname)

Marriage date (day, month, year) Place (parish/town, county, state/country)

Name of second spouse (given, surname)

Marriage date (day, month, year) Place (parish/town, county, state/country)

Name of third spouse (given, surname)

Marriage date (day, month, year) Place (parish/town, county, state/country)

Additional spouses

☐ Yes ☐ No

Variant surname spellings

Additional information

# VIRGINIA PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LISTS

on file at

Archives and Records Division  
Virginia State Library  
Richmond, VA 23219-3491

By Doris P. Poinsett

These annual lists are by county and the first year is 1782. They include West Virginia counties formed prior to 1863.

A person listed may have been eligible for two taxes: tithable (head tax) and personal property tax. Columns after a name indicate how a person was assessed.

1. Tithable (head tax) - male, 21 and over or  
male, 16 to 21 - These were recorded in a separate column in a few years, but in most years they were totaled in one "Tithables" column with the person, if eligible, whose name appeared for the household. In some cases this was a woman, usually a widow, who was not tithable herself.

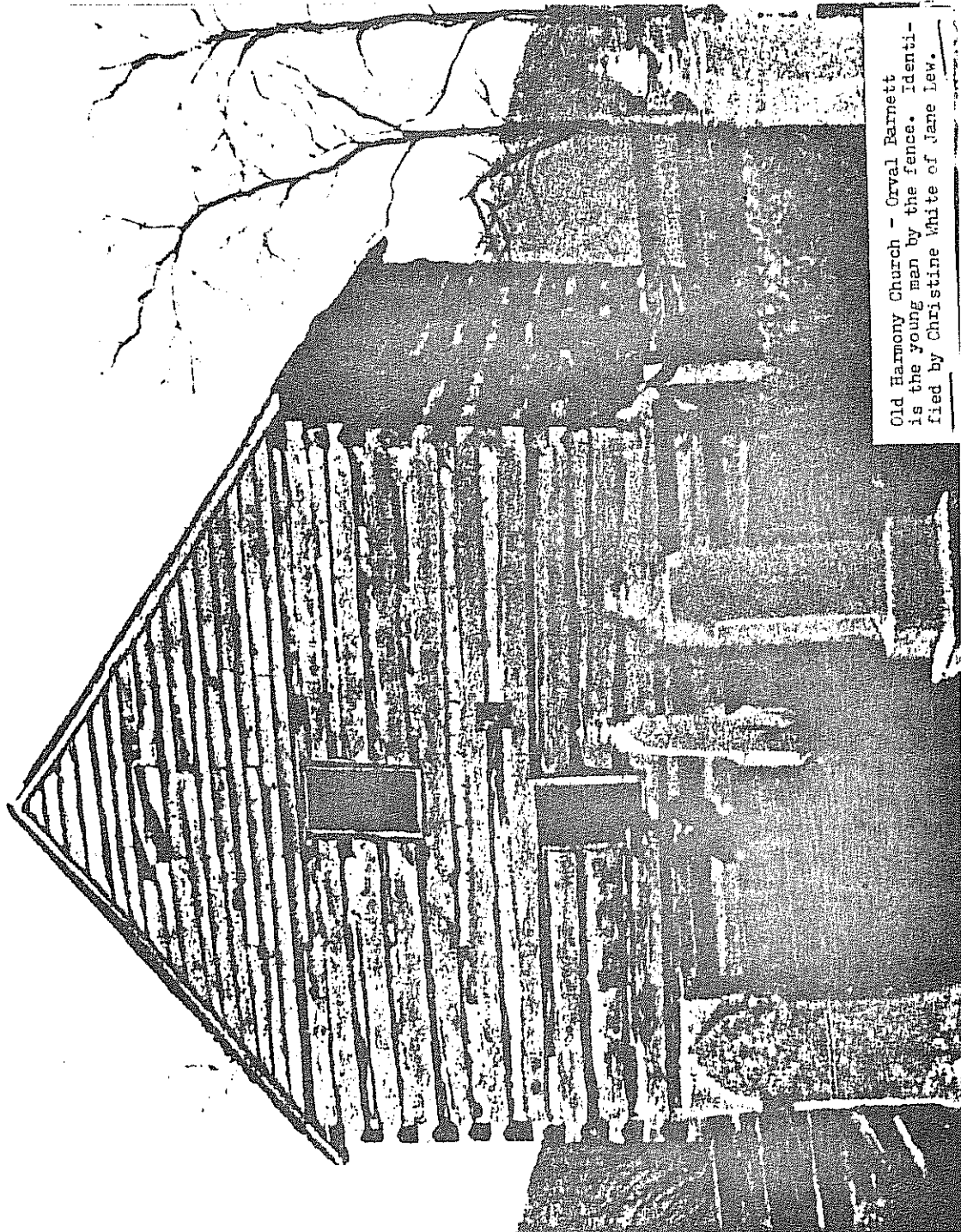
Some males were excused from the head tax because of a position held or other circumstance, such as:

Political or military office  
Minister  
Physically handicapped  
Old or infirm  
Mentally unaccountable

2. Personal Property Tax - This included all households with taxable personal property. Slaves and horses were taxed in all years. In some years, such as 1815, other personal property was taxable. Widows were required to pay each year in which they had taxable personal property.

In some years persons were missing from the list. There may have been a number of reasons for this, but in some cases it was around the time they were making a move.

Searching these lists can prove of great value, particularly in tracing someone who was not a land owner and may be missing from county court records.



Old Harmony Church - Orval Barnett  
is the young man by the fence. Ident-  
ified by Christine White of Jane Lew.

Some  
Harrison County, Virginia Tithables 1784-1824  
Compiled by Hartzel G. Strader

There is an adage that there are two assurances for an individual - death and taxation. A good way to determine when ones ancestor lived in a given area, the time of arrival, when he departed either by moving or death, and how much he was worth, is to study the tithable records. Some selected surnames were searched of my ancestral surnames and for friends who are searching the Hackers Creek area. Another purpose was to study the variation of each surname spelling and old style handwriting, as an aid in determining the validity of names in other records i.e. land deeds and marriages.

The following is a list of individuals showing the first and last year appeared. As Lewis County was formed from Harrison in 1816, many names do not appear after that date. A word of caution may be in order where more than one person had the same given name and due to none appearing some years, it is difficult to determine when a person was dropped from the list for whatever reason.

AMBLER - possible connection  
with COBURN family  
Peter 1819

BAKER - possible connection  
with HUGHES family  
Henry 1798  
Jacob 1803-1821  
James 1803-1817  
Nicholas 1819-1821  
William 1809-1821

BENNETT - appearing prior to 1795  
Abraham 1790-1795  
David 1791-1795  
Jacob 1787-1795  
Joseph 1787-1795  
Richard 1787-1795  
Robert 1790 only  
Samuel 1788, 1789

BIBBY, BIBBE, BIBIA,  
Isaac 1795-1800  
John 1787-1799  
John Sr. 1794-1797  
John Jr. 1795-1798  
William 1790-1799

BODKINS  
Charles 1784-1803, moved to Hamilton  
County, Ohio  
James 1784-1799

BOZARTH - connection with FORINASH  
George 1803-1816  
John Sr. 1803-1816  
John Jr. 1815, 1816, moved to  
Greene Co., Ohio

BONNET, BUNNET, BONNETT -  
connection with LINGER family  
Jacob 1791-1816  
Jacob Jr. 1797, 1800  
John 1811  
Lewis 1790-1816  
Peter 1790-1816  
Phillip 1795-1816  
Seras 1793  
Samuel 1785-1815  
William 1797-1807

BROWN  
Andrew 1813-1817  
Corbin 1823  
Cornelius 1790  
Edward 1797-1824  
Elender 1809  
Ezekiel 1796-1823  
Gasper 1823  
Joseph 1824  
George 1818-1823  
Jabas or Jabez 1797-1813  
James 1796-1818  
James Sr. 1812-1814  
James Jr. 1812, 1816  
John 1785-1821  
John Sr. 1800-1807  
John Jr. 1798-1816  
Mathew 1819, 1823  
Mary, Mercy 1817-1822  
Resin 1815-1824  
Robert 1809-1816  
Samuel 1816  
Silas 1818, 1820  
Thomas 1815

BUSH

Adam 1785-1799  
George 1785-1815  
Henry 1797-1816  
Jacob 1785-1816  
John 1785-1791  
Margaret 1805-1816  
Michael 1807-1816  
Peter 1804-1816  
William 1805-1812 - gone to Ohio

BUCHER, BOOCHER (? BUTCHER)

Balser 1809  
Gasper 1809  
Henry 1790-1809

CARPENTER

Nicholas 1790, 1791

CHILDERS - connection with FRAZIER

Arnold 1818-1824  
John 1794-1824  
Robert 1800-1824  
Samuel 1805-1818  
William 1792-1824  
William Sr. 1790, 1795, 1816  
William Jr. 1790-1824

CLARK

Allison 1795-1813  
Daniel 1804-1811  
Elias 1796 only  
George 1807 only  
Hampton 1805-1809  
Henry 1818-1824  
Isaac 1803-1807  
Jacob 1796-1798  
James 1804-1810  
Jehsee 1803 only  
Jemima 1823 only  
Jeremiah 1821 only  
Jesse 1824 only  
Johnson 1795-1819  
John 1806-1824  
Joshua 1789-1823  
Joseph 1819 only  
Noah 1803-1807  
Richard 1786-1788  
Robert 1812-1815  
Samuel 1806-1823  
Sarah 1805, 1807  
Solomon 1818-1821  
Thomas 1818-1824  
Watson 1786-1804  
William (on Buckhannon) 1784-1816  
William (on Stonecoal) 1801-1823

COBUN, COBURN, COBORN, COBERN

Jonathan 1786-1824  
Jonathan Jr. 1812-1822  
John 1823 only  
James 1819-1823  
William 1812, 1813

COOPER, Valentine 1791, lived in Hardy Co.

COPLIN, Benjamin 1790-1795  
COTTRILL, John 1807 - first appearing  
COZZAD, Jacob 1785 - first appearing  
COZAD, Jacob Jr. 1805 - first appearing  
COZAD, John 1805 - first appearing

COON, KOON

Abram, Abraham 1813-1824  
Abram of Anthony 1819  
Abram of Joseph 1819  
Anthony 1787-1824  
Anthony Jr. 1813-1819  
Benjamin 1821, 1823  
Conrad, Coonrod 1784-1824  
Elizabeth 1818, 1819  
George 1809-1824  
Henry 1809-1812  
Isaac 1806-1824  
Jacob 1799-1823  
John 1799-1807  
Joseph 1784-1824 (? Sr. & Jr.)  
Joseph Jr. 1796-1814  
Phillip 1791-1799  
Samuel 1818-1824

CRITZ, CRITES, CRITS, CRITSE, KRITSE

Abram 1809-1816  
Jacob 1804-1816  
John 1807-1816  
Michael 1805-1820  
Phillip 1806-1816

CRIST, Christeney 1806 only

CRIST, Lewis 1806 only

CRITZER, George 1802, 1803

CRITZER, Leonard 1790-1823

these last two lived in Shinnston area

DAVISSON, Joseph 1793 - first appearing

DOBSON, George 1807 - first appearing

FORNELSON, FORANASH, FORINGASH, FALLINGASH,

FORINASH, FALLENASH, FURENASH

Charles 1784-1805

John 1812-1816

Joseph 1784 only - ll in household

Mary 1809-1813

William 1809-1816

FRASURE, FRAZIER  
Benjamin 1801-1823  
David 1824 only  
Heldridge 1801 only  
John 1823 only  
Ephraim 1797-1812  
Nimrod 1801-1824  
Presley 1802-1817  
Priscilla 1807 only  
William 1803-1815

GRAY, Jonathan 1800 - first appearing

HAGLE, Isaac 1809 - first appearing  
HAGLE, John 1809 - first appearing

HALEY - connection with QUEEN  
Anthony 1803-1820  
Thomas 1818-1820

HELMICK  
Adam 1812, 1813  
Jacob 1804-1815  
John 1813-1816

HERDMAN, Peter 1793 - first appearing

HICKMAN, Adam Jr. 1807 - first appear.  
HICKMAN, John 1809, gone

HINEMAN, HINIMAN, HINEMAN, HINSEMAN  
HINZMAN  
Henry 1794-1816

The following often mistaken for  
HINZMAN

HANNAMAN, Christopher 1786-1799  
HANNAMAN, John 1787-1793  
HANSMAN, John 1795 only  
HINDMAN, John 1799 only  
HANNAGAN, John 1813 only  
HANNON, Thomas 1800-1809  
HANNAMAN, Timothy 1807, 1812  
HANNAMAN, William 1789-1798

HEWES, HUGHES, HUSE  
Constant 1812-1824  
David (Constable) 1788-1820  
Dudley 1812-1820  
Elias (Ellis) 1784-1797  
Ishanel 1806, 1812  
Jesse 1784-1795  
Job 1784-1792  
Jonathan 1809-1824  
Martin 1817-1824  
Thomas 1784-1818  
William 1815-1820

KISSLING, Jacob 1815

LIFE, Martin 1809 - first appearing

LINGER  
Nicholas Sr. 1804-1816  
Nicholas Jr. 1813-1816

LOWTHER  
Alexander 1813-1820  
B. William 1810-1824  
G. William 1813-1824  
Catherine 1817-1824  
Elias 1799-1823  
Elias Jr. 1813-1820  
R. Elias 1818, 1820  
Jesse 1792-1824  
G. Jesse 1812-1824  
Jesse Jr. 1811-1822  
Joel 1786-1799  
John 1794, 1795 only  
Joseph 1796 only  
Robert 1787-1824  
Robert Jr. 1815-1823  
Sudney 1815-1820  
Thomas 1789-1816  
William 1787-1824  
William B. 1818-1823  
William Jr. 1790-1824

McCALLY, John 1788-1792

McCONKEY, Jacob 1810-1818

McNEMAR  
George 1803-1816  
Phillip 1806-1813

May be mistaken for McNEMAR  
MENEAR, Adam 1809, 1813 only  
MANEAR, Isaac 1812 only  
McNUNMARSH, Wm. 1803 only

MAXON  
George 1796  
James 1796  
John 1796  
Jesse 1796  
Mathew 1792-1796  
Simeon 1792-1820  
Simeon Jr. 1792, 1793  
Thomas 1792-1820  
Zebulon 1792-1820

NORMAN  
Bailey 1820 only  
John 1818, 1820 only

NUTTER

Andrew 1813-1824  
Charles 1799-1823  
Christopher 1796-1824  
David 1796-1798  
Elizabeth 1809-1824  
George 1810-1824  
Isaac 1815 only  
Jacob 1818-1824  
James 1796-1824  
John Sr. 1796-1824  
John Jr. (s/o Mathew) 1796-1809  
Levi 1815-1817  
Mathew (? Sr & Jr.) 1796-1824  
Mathew Jr. 1807-1814  
Thomas 1796-1824  
C. Thomas 1805-1824  
Thomas Jr. 1796, 1797  
William 1800-1817

PETERSON

Ezekiel 1810-1812  
John 1809-1813  
William 1807-1813

POST

Abraham (Abram) 1803-1816  
Barbara (w/o Valentine) 1802-1813  
David 1801 only  
George 1799-1824  
Jacob 1802-1824  
Jesse 1824 only  
Martin 1801-1824  
Stephen 1804, 1809

FRITCHETT, FRITCHARD, FRICHARD

Aaron 1818-1824  
Charles 1816-1824  
Edward 1824 only  
Elizabeth 1824 only  
George 1813-1823  
Peter 1821-1824  
Thomas 1815-1824

QUEEN

Armstead 1802-1824  
Charles 1799-1823  
Cornelius 1809-1824  
James 1809-1812  
John B. 1799-1824  
Levi 1802-1824  
William 1811-1824  
C. William 1815, 1820  
William C. 1818-1822

RAINS, James 1811 - first appearing

RADCLIFF, RADLEFF

Benjamin 1797-1824  
James 1799-1824  
John Jr. 1792, 1796  
John (? Sr & Jr.) 1785-1824  
Jonathan 1799-1824  
Robert 1821-1824  
William 1784-1799

ROBY, ROBEY

A. James 1813 only  
Aquila 1813-1819  
Altison 1814 only  
Benjamin 1818 only  
Elias 1797-1809  
Elkenah 1815, 1816  
Wileona 1811 only  
George 1800-1805  
Henry 1799 only  
Jacob 1809 only  
Jeremiah 1806-1824  
Michael 1798-1809  
Norman 1813 only  
Patrick 1813, 1814  
Pryor 1798-1800  
Rebeckah 1817-1820  
Thomas 1809-1818  
William 1798-1817

SHOULDERS

George 1824 only  
Jacob 1815, 1816  
John 1817 only  
Uriah 1818, 1820

SENSE, Henry 1815, 1816

SIMONS

Jacob 1803 - first appearing  
Leonard 1804 - first appearing

SINGER - due to old style handwriting  
may be mistaken for LINGER

Austin - free black 1812-1815  
Fielding 1822 only  
Jane 1813 (Austin's wife)  
John 1817-1821

SLATOR, Richard 1791-1799

STRADER

John 1788-1816  
W. Samuel 1823 only

STUMP, Michael 1787, 1789 only

STALNAKER, Samuel 1791-1805

STALMAN, STALMON - may be mistaken  
for STALNAKER  
Lewis 1800-1816  
Henry 1811-1816  
Phillip 1816 only

The following most likely STARCHER  
SLAUTSER, Jacob 1787 only  
STATSER, Jacob Jr. 1794-1798  
STATSER, Jacob 1786-1809  
STARCHER, Jacob 1805  
STATZER, Jacob 1788-1807  
STATSOR, John 1789-1801  
STATZER, John 1800, 1807, 1809  
STATSER, John 1802, 1803, 1804,  
1812, 1815, 1816  
STARCHER, John 1805, 1810, 1811, 1813  
STATZER, Phillip 1807  
STARCHER, Phillip 1805

STAATS, STATES  
Abraham 1785-1796  
Isaac 1785-1799  
George 1818, 1820  
Elijah 1787-1800  
Joseph 1785-1799  
Richard 1798, 1800

SWIGER - due to old style handwriting  
may be mistaken for LINGER  
Abraham 1821, 1822  
Christopher 1798-1824  
Elias 1821-1824  
George 1819, 1824  
Isiah 1817, 1818, 1824  
Jacob 1794-1824  
Jeremiah 1821, 1822  
Jesse 1812-1824  
John 1793-1823  
John Jr. 1822-1824  
Thomas 1823 only

TITCHNEL - connection to PRITCHARD  
Andrew 1824 only  
David 1812-1824  
John 1815, 1817, 1818  
Moses 1818-1824  
William 1820 only

TRUEY  
Christopher 1786 only  
John 1786 only

WASHBURN  
Isaac 1793-1824  
John 1818 only  
Phillip 1785, 1786  
Robert 1802-1818  
Thomas 1805-1821

WEBB - first appearing  
Benjamin 1790-1793  
Joseph 1792

WILMOTH, Thomas 1785 - first appearing

WOLF - all first appearing  
David 1807  
David Jr. 1807  
Jacob Sr. 1807  
Jacob Jr. 1807  
James 1809  
John 1809  
Michael 1807  
Thomas 1809

ZINN - later connection with LINGER  
Alexander 1817-1824  
George 1817-1823  
Henry 1817-1824  
Peter 1817-1824



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## Mrs. Bartlett

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MRS. BLANCHE BARTLETT

## Mrs. Bartlett Is Dead at 94

Mrs. Blanche Hacker Bartlett expired Saturday night at Northern Virginia Doctors Hospital in Arlington, Va., where she was being treated following a heart seizure.

Mrs. Bartlett was the widow of Flavius Dorsey Bartlett, long associated with the Hazel Atlas Glass Company. She was 94 years old, and had survived her husband 19 years.

The Bartletts reared a large family on McDowell Street in Stealey Heights before moving to a country home near Romines Mill in 1940. Brookvue Farm became a familiar gathering place for numerous community activities, 4-H club, Farm Women's Club, and musical groups in which the Bartlett family participated, and Blanche Bartlett's gracious hospitality was renowned.

In recent years Mrs. Bartlett

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had lived at Culpepper Garden, a seniors' residence near some of her family in Arlington, Va. She had lived independently and maintained a busy schedule of activities, overcoming such inconveniences as two fractured hips in the past two years. Among some 300 residents at Culpepper Garden she became a special inspiration, and her strong personal faith, often expressed in original poems, was sought and appreciated by her elderly neighbors.

Blanche Bartlett was born near Good Hope, Nov. 12, 1890, a daughter of the late William Edward and Virginia Cheuvront Hacker, both descendants of early West Virginia pioneer families. She is survived by one sister, Maude (Mrs. Glenn R.) Floyd of Weston, and one brother, Brooks Hacker of Richmond, Va.

Blanche Bartlett was married to F. Dorsey Bartlett of Lost Creek, 70 years ago at the parsonage of her uncle, the Rev. Richard Cheuvront, then a Methodist minister in Richwood, W. Va.

At the time of their marriage Dorsey Bartlett was the agent at the busy Lost Creek station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Blanche and Dorsey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a few months before his death in 1965.

They were the parents of ten children. Eight surviving are: Jen-neth (Mrs. Harold A.) Smith of Plainfield, N.J., Vineta Bartlett of Arlington, Va., Betsy (Mrs. Mar-low D.) Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., Cleo (Mrs. Arnet E.) Rollins of Route 2, Lost Creek (Romines Mill), Brigadier General D. Joe Bartlett of Clarksburg and Mc-Lean, Va., Dr. Frank David Bartlett of Alexander, Ark., Lois (Mrs. Clarence L.) Price of Santa Monica, Calif., and Boyd A. Bartlett of Brockway, Penn.

One daughter died in infancy, and one son, Flavius Robert Bartlett, died in Fairfax, Va., in 1979.

Blanche Bartlett is survived by 29 grandchildren: Warren Drew Smith, Donna Jane Smith Remke, Steven Lew Smith, Dean Arnett Smith, Norma Joy Smith, David Winfield Smith, Jan Robert Bartlett, Bruce Elliott Bartlett, Charisse Bartlett Huguen, Dana Marlow Davis, Robin Davis Kvitka, Prudence Rollins Robertson, Dixie Rollins Armstrong, Kent Edwin Rollins, Brent Edward Rollins, Amelia Rollins Cline, Jenita Beth Rollins Perkowski, Linda Bartlett Hobgood, Laura Bartlett Perkins, Daniel A. Bartlett, Michael DeWayne Bartlett, Frank Dee Bartlett, Dwight Ford Bartlett, Sylvia Price Lowe, Pamela Helen Price, Melvin Glenn Price, Evelyn Diann Price, Bryan Allen Bartlett and Marla Kay Bartlett.

Also surviving are 34 great-grandchildren, the youngest of which, Sally Marie Perkins, was one-month old on the 15th of April and Blanche enjoyed helping to mark the occasion. The immediate family numbers 109 members.

Friends may call at the Quiet Dell United Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Tuesday. At 11 a.m. memorial services will be held at the church in charge of the Rev. Lindsay Thorp, pastor. Burial will follow in the Floral Hills Memorial Garden.

## COFFEE BREAK



### LETTER WRITING AND COMMON COURTESY

by Rita Shane

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There are times when letters from people doing research on their families make me want to scream! Lately I have been receiving more than my share of these letters. Maybe this little article will help them understand the reasons why they fail to get replies to their letters.

Let me give a few examples: "Please send me ALL you have on your ancestor," "Will you help me with this ancestor names John Smith?" "Seeing as how you live in the Springfield area, how about looking up my ancestors when you go to the library?" Does this sound familiar?

If I sent ALL I have on my ancestors to the person requesting it, would it really help him? And what about the costs? Do we share a common ancestor? As for John Smith, which one? From where? Married to whom? And the last request is certainly presuming quite a lot, I'd say.

There are a few things to be considered before beginning letter writing. Have you done what you could to find what you are searching for? By this I mean, contacting your relatives to obtain their help before going to other sources. Have you tried local records? If you've done the basic groundwork, then you're ready to prepare and think about the following items:

Determine the EXACT information you need BEFORE writing. Is it a name or place or date? Whatever it may be, try to be as specific as possible. List those things you want to know.

Make a list or index of people you are going to write to. Include WHAT you are requesting and the date you sent the letter. When you receive an answer, be sure to make a note of it on your index sheet so you will know who answered and to

whom you will need to send a "follow up" letter. When writing letters, it's good to make a carbon copy for your own files. Some people send their reply on the reverse side of your letter which helps keep it all together.

Try not to ask for too much at one time. Most people are willing to answer simple requests. If you overwhelm them by asking for a complete genealogy in your very first letter, it's not too often you'll receive a reply. Do you share a common ancestor, or are you "just fishing", trying to find your own?

Letters about research are better kept on a research basis unless you are already acquainted with the person you are writing to. If you were a stranger, would you care to hear about my Uncle Joe's broken toe or my Aunt Lil's grey hair? Would you care to hear about my family problems? Establish a basic rapport with a person before discussing other things, and even then, only if the other person desires to know more about you.

If it's appropriate, include a pedigree chart and family group sheet with your letter. If you fill in all that you are able to, it will help them to know just where you need help and also let them know if there may be some relationship. I also try to include whatever else I know about the families on the pedigree chart by adding it on the reverse side of the sheet. If you are sending more than one, photocopies can be made to save time.

Avoid a demanding tone. Nothing is a bigger "turn off" than to receive a letter demanding help. If you are courteous, you receive more.

Offer to share any information you might have with the people you are corresponding with. Photos, family Bibles, family histories, certificates, documents, letters of ancestors, etc. sometimes prove to be the connecting link and a common bond between families. If you are sent such treasures yourself, be sure to return them promptly and in

as good condition as you received them. In a case where you are sent some valuable historical items, return them by registered mail, return receipt requested, so you will be sure they arrived safely.

ALWAYS include a self addressed stamped envelope! Many researchers do not receive replies to their letters because they fail to abide by this common courtesy. The cost of a stamp for someone on a fixed income can mean the difference between your receiving an answer or not, especially when they receive several letters from you. If you expect an answer, do your best to assure you will get one. Include an SASE. If your correspondent lives outside the US, send stamps which are appropriate for that country or purchase an International Reply Coupon at your local post office. These can be redeemed for local postage on the other end.

If you request copies, offer to pay for copying costs as well as postage.

When you are doing research because of a religious belief, stress genealogical interest, not religion. You are, in fact, a historical researcher.

Typing your letters is by far the best. Typing is clearer and easier to read than handwriting. And let's face it, we are not all grade A students at penmanship. At least I'm not. I've received letters that needed a magnifying glass to decipher. If you must write by hand, try to make your letters as clear and understandable as you possibly can. NEVER write a letter in pencil.

Be brief and to the point. Don't bore your reader with unnecessary details. State what you would like them to help you with.

Have you ever waited and waited for an answer to a letter? Did you like waiting? Neither do other people. Try to be as prompt as possible in responding to letters. This shows you are interested and dependable.

If at first you don't succeed, keep trying. If the person you've written to is unable to help you, ask if they might know someone else they feel would be better able to answer your request. Do the same for them.

Keep an alphabetical file of letters received so you won't have to search through a pile of them to find the one you want. Shoe boxes are good for this purpose. They don't take up much room, and they can be stacked. A label on the outside, showing what they contain inside, also helps.

Good will and friendships develop by sending cards at Christmas or birthdays, etc. One lady friend of mine has made contacts all over the world by doing this little thing, and what a help that is when you are doing research. She has stayed with quite a few influential people, from Europe to Africa, in her eighty-five years of life.

Don't assume you have all the information you need with the first letter you receive. There are so many facets to a person's life, there is just no way you could get it all in just one letter.

If you don't receive an answer, try again in a couple of months. It may be that the person you wrote to was busy at the time your letter arrived and just forgot about it. Or perhaps he is still trying to locate the information for you. There are people who do not like to write letters. There is an answer for them: an oral letter. Send them a cassette tape with nothing on it. Ask them if they would rather "talk" their letter in answer to you. You'd be surprised how many people prefer this way.

Whatever answer you receive, CHECK IT OUT. This point needs to be stressed over and over. If you want to be sure, then check the data. Not only will you have proved or disproved the information, but you can also help to keep the records straight for all those working on the same ancestors.

Remember to send a "thank you" to those who have been gracious enough to be of help to you. They will remember you and be more willing to cooperate if you ever need their help again. They will also look more kindly on requests from other researchers.

For those who are not very good at letter writing, there are some forms available (with carbons) from publishers of genealogical materials. They are mostly used for correspondence with local, city, state, or federal offices. There are also some for use in corresponding with other genealogists.

Regardless of the method you prefer, if you remember to be courteous in your requests and in your replies, and use the above guidelines, you should enjoy success in your letter writing.

Public libraries or historical societies also have a wealth of information on people who lived in their area. If you write to them, be sure to include what you know on the ancestor you are researching (especially the time period), and ask them to check their indexes and records to see what they may have. Many places will photocopy the pertinent information you are looking for. Be sure to include the sum you feel is appropriate (usually two or three dollars) and offer to pay any additional fee. In some cases there may be too much to copy. In that case it may be better to find out if the material is for sale or where you might be able to get a copy of it for a nominal cost. [If you are not extremely specific about the small amount of information you want, such as a copy of an index page in a certain book, you may simply receive a list of professional researchers in the area.]

Also consider newspapers. They are always looking for a good story to print, and most will gladly print a story of your search if you include the facts, as you know them, and express a desire to contact the descendants of your ancestor. Send your request to the editor of a newspaper in the city or town where you know your ancestors came from. Enclose the price of the paper plus postage so that a copy of the issue containing your request will be sent to you. Thank them for their cooperation. There has been more and more of this done lately. [The *Ayers Directory* is a list of newspapers across the country and is available in most libraries.]

You can also send a letter in care of a postmaster in the town where your family lived, leaving the letter unsealed inside, with the re-

quest that after he has read it, he then address it to a person of that surname whom he feels it would most pertain to. You will find this easier to do in smaller places than in large or transitory cities, where the postmaster is just not in a position to be as familiar with the people who live there.

Many records are available if you just know where to write for them. These are just a few research aids that people seldom utilize, leaving much information never to be brought to light.

Letter writing is a most important part of doing genealogical research. Through this medium there have been lost relatives found, friendships made, valuable contacts for further research found, and many other wonderful happenings too numerous to mention here. Be persistent in your letter writing.

With very best wishes for much success to all!

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Suggested by Cris Wagoner.

WOLF CEMETERY

Wolf Cemetery is located on top of the ridge several big pine trees, it is on Hacker's Creek about three miles east up stream from Berlin, on land now owned by John Herman. Lewis County, West Virginia, 27 November 1982, by Raymond Wolfe, Jr.

Memry of Jacob WOLF departed this life in 1823 age 69 years old.

WOLF, Anna Straley wife of Jacob WOLF (no marker)

WOLF, Thomas died June 12, 1853, age 68 years

WOLF, Phebe wife of Thomas WOLF, died July 8, 1845, age 57 Years

WOLF, A.M. born November 2, 1831, died October 10, 1903.

BENNETT, Flowrence S, wife of Gicero BENNETT, born December 1, 1862, died June 11, 1907

BENNETT, Lona May dau. of C.W. & F.S. BENNETT, born Sept 28, 1881, died Mar 31, 1891

CRITES, Phebe wife of Michael CRITES, born July 6, 1826, died October 7, 1902

CURTIS, Henry L., born October 23, 1816, died September 24, 1895

CURTIS, Catherine wife of Henry CURTIS, born Sept. 24, 1825, died Feb. 11, 1892

FLINK, Rev. Joseph died Apr 7, 1885, 87 years, 29 days

FLINK, Mary B. wife of Rev. Joseph FLINK, born Dec 6, 1823, died July 4, 1898

FLINK, Stockton 1851-1916

FLINK, Custave P. son of J. & M. FLINK, died January 26, 1864, 2 yrs 6mos

FLINK, Mary P. dau. of Joseph & Mary FLINK, died Feb. 27, 1879, 19 yrs 10 mos.

HORNBECK, George N. born January 20, 1859, died Nov 3, 1888

JAMISON, John H. died June 23, 1889, 60 years 5 mos. 8 days

JAMISON, Mary wife of J.H. JAMISON died Sept 10, 1901, 67 years

JAMISON, Theodore, s/o J.H. & M. JAMISON, died January 14, 1856, 13 days

JAMISON, Sarah A., d/o J.H. & M. JAMISON, died January 7, 1858, 3mos 18 days

JAMISON, Amanda A. d/o J.H. & M. JAMISON, died Sept 3, 1877, 5yr, 9mo, 23 days

JAMISON, G.M. s/o J.H. & M. JAMISON, died November 15, 1900 36 yr 6mo 11 days

JAMISON, Howard L. s/o J.H. & M. JAMISON 1907-1921

LAWMAN, Iva A. d/o Wm. & O. LAWMAN, b. Jun 30, 1873, d. Jul 9, 1975.

LAWMAN, Gay B., s/o Wm. & O.M. LAWMAN, b. Nov 14, 1875, d. Sept 12, 1877

LAWMAN, Lenora M., d/o Wm. H. & O.M. LAWMAN, d. Nov. 12, 1899, 19y 8m 29d

LAWMAN, John S. born October 2, 1843, died Sept. 24, 1907

LAWMAN, William H. 1849-1923

LAWMAN, Olive M. wife of Wm. H. LAWMAN 1846-1910

LEWIS, David H., b. Feb 24, 1849, d. Aug. 3, 1900

LEWIS, Margaret J. wife of D.M. LEWIS b. June 22, 1880, d. April 10, 1897

LEWIS, Edith b. Dec 8-11, 1901

LEWIS Marsden B. January 19, 1884, d. April 23, 1905, 2y 3m 4d

LEWIS, Laco b. Jaunary 19, 1881, d. February 26, 1920

LEWIS, Ray C. s/o A.M. & E.L. LEWIS d. April 21, 1893, 8m 1d

LEWIS, Ezrie V. d/o A.M. & E.L. LEWIS d. November 27, 1896, 2y 7m 6d

STARCHER, Jane w/o Jacob STARCHER d. February 7, 1865, ae 53

WOLVERTON, John S. 1849-1911

WOLVERTON, Almedie his wife J.S. WOLVERTON 1857-1926

8 more graves with no markers

# Mt. Olive Methodist Church Cemetary

This cemetary is located behind the church about two miles up Wheeler's Fork, a headwater stream of Big Skin Creek in the southern part of Lewis County. Most of those interned here are descendants of Abraham SMITH born 1805 and his wife who probably was Sarah FLESHER.

## Row 1

SMITH, James 8 Oct 1840 - 21 Aug 1906  
 Dorsey M. 1926 - 1928  
 Sandstone with carved initials DWS (probably David W. SMITH,  
 b. 4 June 1826 - d. 22 Sept 1900)  
 SMITH, Esker 8 May 1904 - 18 Apr 1907  
 SMITH, Hanson father 1863 - 1938 (s/o David W. & Margaret(LINGER)SMITH  
 Minta mother 1873 - 1965 (Armenta SNYDER, E/o George &Violena(SIMONS)  
 SMITH, Harold 5 Sept 1914 - 28 Dec 1967(s/o Hanson & Armenta) SNYDER)  
 SMITH, Elsie 20 Oct 1976 aged 67-9-6 (w/o Brandt)

## Row 2

SMITH, Nathan 30 July 1908 aged 72-2-19  
 Sandstone with carved initials MS  
 Sandstone with carved initials BFS  
 Sandstone no initials  
 Sandstone no initials  
 CUTRIGHT, Nancy J. wife of Elias 9 March 1887 aged 22-1-8  
 Susan wife of Elias 21 Feb 1872 - 15 June 1903  
 Sandstone no initials  
 SMITH, John 1832 - 1911  
 Jane Ware his wife 1852 - 1910  
 BENNETT, Alice wife of I.G. 1879 - 1910  
 SMITH, Major A. 27 Aug 1881 - 25 Sept 1919  
 Clyde E. 16 Aug 1909 - 1 July 1976 Pvt. U.S. Army WW II

## Row 3

LINGER, Philip 1831 - 1902 (s/o Joseph & Mercie (HINZMAN) LINGER)  
 Sandstone  
 SMITH, Ruhama 18 March 1857 - 7 Nov 1862 d/o Wm. T. & L.

## Row 4

SMITH, Opha F. father 1881 - 1948 (s/o Gibson & Amanda J. SMITH)  
 Anna Pearl mother 1903 - 19  
 Infant son & dau. of Opha & Pearl SMITH  
 SMITH, W.T. 1809 - 1899 (William T., b. 2 Aug 1809-15 May 1899, s/o Joseph)  
 SMITH, Sarah 29 Apr 1855 aged 44-3-4 w/o Wm. T. & d/o Wm. & Mary(BENNETT)PETERSON)  
 SMITH, Lucinda 22 July 1885 - aged 65-3-28 w/o William T.  
 SMITH, Mary I. 4 Feb 1875 aged 3-4-5 d/o M. & R.  
 SMITH, Ruhama 17 March 1875 aged 38-1-14 w/o M.  
 SMITH, Willie G. 7 Apr 1875 aged 0-5-27 w/o M. & R.  
 SMITH, Hyre Waitman 9 Nov 1882 - 3 Apr 1912  
 SMITH, infant d/o M. & A. b. d 9 Feb 1879  
 SMITH, Mandeville 1843 - 19 (S/o William T. & Lucinda SMITH)  
 Amy his wife 1855 - 1915

Mt. Olive Cem. Cont'd.

Row 4 Cont'd

SMITH, Claude 1890 - 1924  
McCUE, Effie Smith 1881 - 1933 (d/o Mandeville SMITH)  
NIXON, Minnie Smith 1884 - 1959  
NIXON, Forest Smith

Row 5

JEFFRIES, John H. 1851 - 1929  
Samantha E. 1852 - 1896  
JEFFRIES, Infant s/o J.H. & S.E.  
JEFFRIES, Ivah 5 July 1879 aged 0-1-26 s/o J.H. & E.  
JEFFRIES, William 15 March 1874 aged 0-6-0 s/o J.H. & S.E.  
LINGER, Celia 4 Apr 1874 - 1 Nov 1874 d/o H. & S.S.  
LINGER, John E. 11 Oct 1865 - 11 Apr 1866 s/o H. & S.S.  
SIMONS, Robert J. 20 May 1865 - 11 June 1891 s/o W.N. & Lucy  
Sandstone  
Sandstone

Row 6

SMITH, Dorsey B. 12 Sept 1907 - 15 June 1911  
SMITH, Guy L. 18 Jan 1887 - 22 Feb 1887 s/o G.M. & A.J.  
SMITH, G.M. 1847 - 1922 (Gibson, s/o William T. & Lucinda \_\_\_\_\_ SMITH)  
Amanda J. 1853 - 19  
SMITH, Bertha Mae 1885 - 1952 (d/o Gibson & Amanda J. \_\_\_\_\_ SMITH)  
SMITH, Pearl Maude 1888 - 1966 (d/o Gibson & Amanda J. \_\_\_\_\_ SMITH)  
SMITH, Clara 1880 - 1970  
SMITH, Kermit K. 10 Apr 1910 - 26 Dec 1977

There appear to be several graves that do not have a marker.

### Louisa Jane Methodist Chapel Cemetery

This cemetery is located in front of the church on Little Skin Creek, Lewis County, W.Va. Establishment was made in the 1880s soon after the church was built. The church was christened Louisa Jane as a memorial to Louisa Jane CLARK, who died 12 March 1881 at the age of 20 years and 11 months; buried in the Georgetown Methodist Church Cemetery. She was the daughter of Marshall and Matilda CLARK of Little Skin Creek who contributed a large portion of the funds for building the church.

LOUGH, Albert J. 1874-1958  
    Blanche J. w/o A. J. LOUGH 29 April 1881 - 3 June 1904  
LOUGH, Thomas J. 8 Feb 1854 - 6 March 1938  
    Clarissa 3 June 1850 - 6 April 1930  
McNEMAR, John R. 19 Feb 1865 - 4 April 1922  
    Mary E. 1869 - 1934  
ARMSTRONG, Lyda S. 1862 - 19  
    Wrispy his wife 1856 - 1926  
    Flura May 1889 - 1956  
CLARK, Erceel A. 1895 - 1943 (2nd w/o John CLARK)  
HARRIS, Willard E. - sandstone, no other inscriptions  
    Ethel 1889 - 1972  
HARRIS, Hugh C. 1890 - 1933  
    Mary V. 1905 - 1960  
ROHRBOUGH, William H. 1889 - 1955  
    Lucy L. 1904 -  
SINNETT, William 1967 - 1967  
SIMS, William L. 1868 - 1948  
    Hettie O. 1874 - 1951  
LOUGH, Alpha H. 1904 - 1961  
    Alice R. 1915  
    R. Glen, son 1940 - 1961  
LOUGH, George 1877 - 1948  
    Idella 1880 - 19  
MEADOWS, Thomas J. 1860 - 1936 (s/o Thomas J. & Pheobe Jane (JOHNS))  
    Sarah 1866 - 1955 (d/o Rezin & Rebecca (CLARK) QUEEN)  
McCRAV, Larry 1937 - 1968  
BUTCHER, Isaac - no inscription (b. 1816 near Jackson Mill, s/o  
    Valentine BUTCHER)  
    Christine - no inscription (Christine LIFE, d/o John)  
BUTCHER, Isaac F. 20 March 1854 - 15 Jan 1933 (s/o Isaac & Christine (LIFE))  
    Marcella 19 July 1856 - 8 Sept 1947 (Marcella STEWART, d/o Benjamin)  
    Ida L. d/o I.F. & M. 1892 - 1902  
    Nellie G. d/o I.F. & M. 1889 - 1902  
BUTCHER, Jefferson W. 2 July 1881 - 27 June 1949 (s/o Isaac F. &  
    Marcella (STEWART) BUTCHER)  
BUTCHER, Kent 1884 - 1969 (s/o Isaac F. & Marcella (STEWART) BUTCHER)  
    Lena M. 1889 - 1935  
SMITH, Lloyd H. 1878 - 1962  
    Eva G. 1879 - 1946  
    Ada B. 1880 - 1926

Louisa Jane Cem. cont'd

CURTIS, Vernon 1917 - 1942  
    Willias 1875 - 1933  
    Clara 1875 - 1955  
    Kenneth 1903 - 1915  
    Frida 1900 - 1902  
    Aubra 1899 - 1900  
SMITH, Arlie C. 1904 - 1979  
    Ona L. 1912 - 1932 (1st wife)  
    baby Betty Jo 1932 - 1932  
    Grace G. 1915 - 1966 (2nd wife)  
SMITH, Wilmer F. d. 12 March 1934 (s/o Oris & Hettie SMITH)  
SMITH, Howard G. d. 1 Feb 1936 (s/o Oris & Hettie SMITH)  
SMITH, Erlo E. 1906 - 1967  
    Dolly P. 1908 - 1953 (d/o William & Belle TETER)  
SMITH, Troy 1881 - 1962  
    Bertha F. 1882 - 1960  
TAYLOR, George 13 March 1872 - 1 Nov 1938  
    Ema J. 20 Aug 1876 - 15 Dec 1930 (maiden name RAMSEY)  
RAMSEY, Roscoe 17 Aug 1921 - 23 Aug 1921  
TETER, William S. 1877 - 1948  
    Belle R. 1887 - 1964  
LANDIS, Wilbur H. 1934 - 1934  
RAMSEY, William B. 1 Nov 1870 - 12 Feb 1910  
    Martha A. 5 Oct 1873 - 5 July 1945  
    Loyd R. 1903 - 1906  
    William H. 1894 - 1906  
SMITH, Albert K. 1884 - 1952  
    Malta L. 1887 - 1948  
SMITH, Ellis L. 1875 - 1964  
    Emily J. 1867 - 1945  
BRCHARD, Charles T. 1869 - 1927  
    Clara M. 1873 - 1935  
    Carl 1910  
SMITH, Joseph M. 1847 - 1929  
    Pheoby his wife 1851 - 1926  
OLDAKER, Sophia Ruth d/o C. L. & Anne, 28 June 1906 - 20 Dec 1905



CATTLE BRANDS IN HARRISON COUNTY

The following cattle brands were registered in the August Court 1787 in Harrison County in the Harrison County Court Order Book. Found by Dennis Rodgers 27 Sept 1985.

Ordered that John Kelley be exempted from Personal Taxes and working on the High Way as usually being

On the motion of John Simms Ordered that his Brand be J.S. on the near Buttock Ear Mark a slit through the middle of each ear and the same to be recorded.

On the motion of Thomas Cheney Ordered that his Brand be T.C. on the near Shoulder Ear Mark a crop off the left ear and under bit and a slit in the right ear and the same to be recorded.

On the motion of John Hatcher Ordered that his Brand be J.H. on the near Shoulder Ear Mark half crop on the upper side of each ear and the same to be recorded.

On the motion of John Raymond Ordered that his Brand be J.R. on the near Buttock Ear Mark two slits in the right ear and one in the left ear and the same to be recorded.

On the motion of Alexander West Ordered that his Brand be A.W. on the near Shoulder Ear Mark a crop in the right ear an under bit and a crop bit in the same in the left ear a slit and an under bit a n. the same to be recorded.

THE BRAKE FAMILY IN WEST VIRGINIA  
by  
Linnie Louisa Brake Cunningham  
January 1946

Note: The following manuscript was given by Robert B. Smith by a relative of Mrs. Cunningham's. No copyright was attached to the manuscript and we have been unable to locate any family member who objected to its publication here.

From the summit of one of those picturesque mountains which traverse the eastern panhandle of West Virginia, in what is now Hardy County, there emerges from some subterranean fountain, a rivulet of clear, cold water.

At first it is only a wobbly little stream, and lies quietly for a time in the swampy grassy bed into which Mother Nature has so unceremoniously percipited it. Very soon however, this little new-born stream begins to show signs of life; it bestirs itself, and slowly and cautiously wriggles toward the brow of the precipice as though seeking a glimpse of the scene below. Apparently satisfied with the view, it at once begins a headlong descent down the mountain side. Having once started down the steep decline, there is no turning back; so on it goes, gathering momentum with each bound. Wild flowers and ferns nod and beckon as they seek to moisten their foliage in its spray; the wild things of the wood timidly approach its banks, then scurry away to cover, as though giving an invitation to a game of tag or hide-and-seek. But none of these attractions deter this plucky little stream, or swerve it from its one fixed purpose -- that of reaching the bottom of the mountain and exploring the wonders of the world into which it so recently has entered. So on and on it goes, leaping and bounding from boulder to boulder, beaten and buffeted, whipped into spray, until at last it plunges into a rocky bed at the foot of the mountain.

Perhaps now in this quiet retreat our battered little stream can be content to stop for a time and furnish a hiding place for the frightened minnow which that barefoot urchin seeks to ensnare; or a cool drink for that thirsty dog which we see approaching; but not so; as though not satisfied with its recent acrobatics, it rushes across the narrow country road, on past the old mill site, the ancient burying ground, across the valley, on, on, until its waters finally mingle with those of the mighty Potomac.

At the foot of the mountain down whose rocky side this stream has made such a noisy descent, there are a few not-too-well-kept dwellings and farm buildings owned and occupied by typical country folk of that region. All save one of those dwellings appear to have been erected within the last half century. No traces of other similar pioneer buildings remain to tell the story of those who braved the dangers and privations of that region, and sowed the seeds of civilization at that early day.

The outward appearance of this particular dwelling -- a gaunt two-story structure built of hewn logs, indicates that the storms of more than a hundred winters, and the hot sun of as many summers had done their bit toward reducing it to those elements from whence it came. And now it stands alone, a mute reminder of another day, apparently issuing a challenge to those elemental destroyers of its fellows. Were inanimate things endowed with the power of speech, what stories -- what scenes within its walls might this harbinger of the past relate.

Within the memory of those yet living, there stood at the rear of this ancient building, a chimney of hugh proportions, built of rough stones evidently gathered from the neighboring fields. This chimney, tradition tells us, was part of a fort or stronghold which served as a refuge in times of threatened danger from the Indians. Perhaps upon more than one occasion the terror-stricken inhabitants of the valley had hurried to this refuge, and huddled around the blazing logs, in this same fireplace had cooked their food, and of molten lead had made the bullets with which to defend themselves from the howling savages without. A farm cellar now occupies the site of the legendary fort, and a garden fence has been built of the stones that comprised

the chimney.

A few dozen feet from the old log dwelling can still be plainly seen the remains of the millrace to which the aforementioned mountain stream once lent a portion of itself for the purpose of turning the mill wheel. At the bottom of the race, almost covered with earth, there lies a huge iron-bound stone burr which was used in crushing the grain. These, and the traditions surrounding its memory, are all that remain of the "Old Brake Mill," a-once-busy-and-necessary institution.

Not far from the site of the mill there are yet visible some slight traces of another supposedly necessary institution of that day--the distillery. This building too, as well as its one-time busy operators, has long since gone the way of all the earth. In its heyday this was a busy place making and dealing out to thirsty souls, that fiery potion which not only drives dull care away, but hastens the journey from the cradle to the grave.

Across the narrow country road, and within sight of the old log dwelling, enclosed by a few strands of broken and rusted barbed wire, is the family burying ground. A few white and badly weathered gravestones rear their heads above a thick growth of weeds and briars, as though standing guard over the remains of those mortals who lie beneath in their last long sleep. The inscriptions on the stones are barely legible. This ancestral "City of the dead" presents indeed a pitiful picture of neglect, and from all appearances in a few more years the spot will be forever lost to future generations.

And now with this little glimpse of our ancestral home as it appears today (1946), we pass on to those human beings -- our ancestors -- who lived and carried on in this valley so long ago.

The recorded history of the settlement of the valley of the South Branch of the Potomac is meager; and for this reason it has been necessary to depend largely upon the stories and traditions handed down by word of mouth. From notes taken by Washington during his survey of that region in 1748, a settlement had already been established, and the grist mill known later as "Brake's Mill", was at that time owned and operated by one Peter Reed. Just when the Brakes made their appearance in this valley is not definitely known. It is possible and not at all improbable that the company of German emigrants encountered by Washington during this survey, included these people, but this is only conjecture. It is not definitely known how many families were included among these first Brake settlers, nor their relation to each other; but the names John, Jacob, Abram and Isaac, were some of the most common.

Among the names that have come down to present day families is that of one Baron Johann Von Brecht, or "John Brake", in English. This personality appears to have occupied a place of considerable prominence in the settlement and was owner or co-owner of the mill so famous in the history of that valley. He is mentioned by as many as two of the historians of that day, but only one incident worthy of note has been recorded. After this he seems to have passed into the realm of the forgotten.

The incident referred to was as follows: it appears that these early Brakes were rank Tories, and at the outbreak of the Revolution, had allied themselves with one Claypole, also a Tory, and caused considerable trouble. It became necessary for Col. Daniel Morgan to march four-hundred of his Continentals to the scene of the disturbance to put down the rebellion. It is said that the troops helped themselves to Brake's fat cattle, and turned their hungry horses into his grain fields to eat their fill. As a result of this raid upon the Tory stronghold, all the Brakes except the Baron signed Allegiance to the Colonial cause, (no doubt to save their skins.) As for the Baron, it is said that he made his escape and finally returned in disgust to his native soil. At any rate we hear no more of him and his operations in that valley. Down through the generations, however, have come the traditions of the "Old Baron". He was supposed to have been the husband of the woman so brutally murdered by the Indians, and the father of the boy Jacob who was taken into Captivity, and also of John, Elizabeth and Abram, of whom more will be said later.

It was not until about 1943 that documentary evidence came to light which conclusively proved that one known as Jacob Brake Sr. and not John the Baron, was the progenitor of the Brake family in West Virginia. These documents are the Will of

Catherine Stump Brake, second wife of Jacob Sr. whose first wife was killed, and a letter written by Mrs. Laura Jackson Arnold, sister of the famous "Stonewall", excerpts of which follow at this point.

Buckhannon, W.Va., May 17, 1867

Mr. George Jackson,

My esteemed cousin, at this late day, I seat myself to redeem my promise, that of gathering facts of relation to our great grand parents and their offspring. My uncle Jacob Brake from whom I expected to gather some facts, when I saw him I found his health and mind failing him so much, that I could not rely upon his memory. He directed me to see one Abram W. Brake, a cousin of his, who was the same age of himself, and knew more about the old generation than any one living. So I was thrown with Mr. Brake and found his mind apparently fresh. I regret that some other pen more able than mine could not write his story.

Here is Mr. Brake's statement. "John Jackson and his wife Elizabeth Cummins, came from England and were married in the United States. First they lived on the South Branch of the Potomack, removed to Buckhannon as much as twict during the days of Indian warfare, and was one of the first settlers of this place and lived here until 1781, when the fort was broken up, and they removed to Clarksburg, where he died at the advanced age of perhaps ninety. His widow lived some years after his death, when she died at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Brake who lived on Brush Fork of Elk Creek, four miles from Clarksburg.

George Jackson, (your grandfather) was the oldest son of John Jackson Sr. Your grandmother was Elizabeth Brake, daughter of Jacob Brake who was native of Germany. Part of her father's family were born in this country. He (Jacob Brake) married a Miss. Nyeswanan for his first wife, and after she had six children, she was killed by the Indians on the South Branch where they had always lived. Jacob Brake, her husband, some years after her death married Miss. Catherine Stump, of the same place, also a German, and he died at an old age at the old homestead. Your grandmother's brother, Abraham Brake, married my aunt Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of the a-fore-mentioned John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson."

(The reaminder of Mrs. Jackson's letter, is not included in this manuscript, since it has no further bearing on this story.)

The will of Catherine Brake, which follows, corroborates the statement made by Abram W. Brake, that Jacob Sr., and not the personage known as the "Baron" was the head of the family.

#### "Will"

In the name of God, Amen. I, Catherine Brake of the County of Hardy being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say--

1st -- I desire that all the perishable part of my estate be immediately sold after my decease and out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expense, be paid. Should the perishable part of my property prove insufficient for the above purposes, then I desire that my Executors hereafter mentioned pay the same out of my bonded estate.

2nd -- After the payment of Debts and funeral expenses I give the balance of my Estate, real and personal of whatever kind it may be to my son Michale Brake to him and his heirs Executors administrators and assigns forever. That it may not be misunderstood, it is not the wish of me Catherine Brake, that the balance of children shall have any part of my estate real or personal as they have not had any trouble in maintaining me since the Death of my husband Jacob Brake -- and my son Michael Brake has been holy at the expence of nurcing me in my last sickness.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Jones Green and Michael Brake, Executors of my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former

wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this (16) Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord, (one thousand eight hundred and Sixteen) 1816-

Sealed, delivered published and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Catherine Brake, in the presence of us-

her  
Catherine x Brake (Seal)  
mark

Caroline A. Williams  
Christiana Pancake  
Nancy B. Green

At a court held for Hardy County the 9th day of April, 1816, this last will and testament of Catherine Brake deceased, was presented in Court, by the Executors therein named and proved by the oaths Caroline A. Williams and Christiana Pancake, two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Michael Brake one of the said Executors, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form he having taken oath of an Executor & together with Isaac Dasher his security entered into Bond in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

Teste; Ed. Williams Clk, Court

Catherine mentions the "other children" in her will, though no record of children other than Michael has been found. Since it is not likely that this reference is to the four step children, who at this time were all settled in home of their own in Harrison and Upshur Counties, there may have been others.

Jacob Brake Sr., died in 1808, and is no doubt buried in the family plot at the old homestead.

At this point, we shall pause in our narrative, to give some recognition to a settlement of Brakes which appeared in North Carolina in or near the year 1790. These folk claim to have come from Nansemond County, Virginia, and at that early day their men bore such names as Jacob, Abram and John. There is a tradition that they came to Virginia from somewhere in Europe about the year 1740, and after some years stay in Nansemond County, pushed farther south into North Carolina and other parts of the Southland. Coupling this tradition with some stories of our West Virginia branch of the family, it is not unlikely that there may have been a general migration from Europe to America about this time. Certain ones may have chosen to go farther south, while others preferred to cross the mountains to the South Branch Valley.

This idea is only conjecture on the part of the writer, and must not be taken as fact until the proper research has been made to substantiate it.

There is also a settlement of Brakes at Rock Cave, Upshur County, who claim that they too hail from Hardy County. However, they are not able to connect their oldest known ancestor with any one of the South Branch heads of families.

Their genealogy begins with James Brake of Hardy County who married Annie Mumford, a German girl. This couple had sons, Nimrod See, Cyrus B. and Jacob B. James was accidentally killed while falling a tree on the Buckhannon River, about 1825. His widow married Anson Young. Jacob married Nancy Curry and lived near Rock Cave, W.Va. He was captured by Confederate soldiers, and died in a southern prison. See Brake married Margaret Curry and lived on White's Camp, a tributary of West Fork of the Monongahela. He had seven children, of whom two were sons, Everet, and James. James was captured by Confederate soldiers along with Jacob Brake, but escaped, came back and moved to Ritchie County. Cyrus married Sarah Macavoy and had eight children, one dying when small. Harriet married Josiah Wymer, Rosanna married Elihu Wymer, Benjamin married Martha Hull, Sarah Frances married Elon Elmer, William H. married Mary Jane Armstrong, Elizabeth married Amos Helmick, Gordon married Eliza Armstrong.

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## SIMS FAMILY HISTORY

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The Hampshire Co. census of 1782 by John Wilson who was from the Grant Co. part of the county lists John Sims, Jr. with two people. In the same census Job Welton who was also from the Grant Co. part of the county lists John Sims, Sr. with 7 people. The Hampshire Co. census of 1784 by Job Welton, who was from the Grant Co. part of the county, lists William Sims with 5 people and one dwelling. Both of these census have family who came to the Hacker Valley - Cunningham, Peterson, Algier, Wise, Harpole, Horst, Crites, Reger, Blair, McKinney, Waggoner, Clarke, Ligget, and Ward.

A John Sims came from Hampshire County, Va., to the Hacker Valley in the 1780's. John Sims and Nickolas Harpole bought 383 acres of land in Harrison Co., Virginia, on McKinney Run on November 6, 1786, for Two Pounds Sterling. (McKinney Run was at one time known as Sims Creek according to a map at State Capitol by Jobbins #65-1)

In 1790 Henry McWhorter settled on McKinney Run and built a cabin. On August 1, 1783, in Bucks Co., PA, Henry McWhorter was married to Mary Fields, a noble woman, to whom he owed much for his success in life. From Bucks Co. they moved in 1786 to Hampshire Co., VA, and then to McKinney Run.

On November 14, 1799, John Sims and Henry McWhorter received a patent for 1000 acres of land in Harrison County on the west side of the Buckhammon. John Sims sold the land in 1809. In 1816 Isaac Hyde and Nancy Sims Hyde of Wood County and William Sims and Susann Sims of Athens Co., Ohio, conveyed 1000 acres to John McWhorter.

After settling in the wilderness, McWhorter experienced many privations and hardships incident to frontier life. He often went to Winchester with pack horses for salt; and once made the trip in company with John Sims. On their return it grew desperately cold in the mountains. They were compelled to dismount and walk in order to keep from freezing. Sims was at length overcome by the cold, and sat down by the trail to rest. McWhorter, well knowing the subtle nature of the threatening danger, had been encouraging Sims to greater exertion, and now became thoroughly alarmed for his safety. He urged him not to give in, and pointed out the imminent danger of his situation, but to no purpose. Sims begged to be let alone. "I am so tired," he drowsily murmured, "and so sleepy. You go on and I will come soon." McWhorter continued to plead with him, but he rapidly sank into a state of lethargy. The death stupor was upon him, and McWhorter realized that he could be saved only by the most heroic treatment. From a beech tree he cut a keen limb, and trimming it of its branches, he applied it most vigorously to the lower extremities of his half-conscious companion. It required several stinging blows to arouse Sims, who made piteous appeals to be permitted to "take just one little nap." His pleadings were only answered by the fierce "swich" of the beech "gad" cutting the frosty air as it descended in unabated fury on the suffering victim. Finally the pain became unbearable, and Sims starting up, made at his relentless tormentor. This was the result for which McWhorter had been striving, and he dexterously kept beyond reach. Failing in his attempt, Sims again sat down, but only to feel a renewal of pain from the beech switch in the hands of the obdurate Scotch-Irishman. Again did he start up in vain pursuit of the fleet-footed weilder of the effective "persuader". This drama was enacted repeatedly, and until Sims had become thoroughly "warmed up," when realizing the certain death from which he had escaped, and the danger of the situation, he required no further incentives to hasten his lagging steps. (BORDER SETTLEMENTS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA)

For sixty years McWhorter was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; fifty years of this time he was a class leader. He was conducting a meeting at West's Fort with armed sentinals standing guard, on Sunday, the day preceeding the attack

on the Waggoner family. During that day Tecumseh and his two warriors lay hid in a ravine near the fort. Had the sentinels given heed to the alarm of the dogs that continually barked, and dashed towards the Indian concealment, the Waggoner tragedy might have been averted. It was supposed at the time that the outcry among the dogs was caused by wolves. Evidently Jesse Hughes was not in attendance at this meeting.

Henry McWhorter was one of the appointed trustees for Weston, when that place was established a town (then Preston), in January 1818.

In 1827, McWhorter was compelled through financial embarrassment caused by security debts, to sell his home and mill, and return to his former residence on McKinney's Run where he died February 4, 1848. He was buried in the McWhorter cemetery on his farm, by the side of his wife, who died in 1834. (BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA)

Sometime in the 1780's John Sims, living on a branch of Gnatty Creek, seeing his horses come running up much affrighted, was led to believe that the Indians had been trying to catch them. In a few minutes, the dogs began to bark furiously in the corn field adjoining, and he became satisfied the savages were approaching. Knowing that he could offer no effectual resistance, if they should attack his house, he contrived an artifice to deter them from approaching. Taking down his gun, he walked around the house backward and forward, and as if speaking to men in it, called out, "Be watchful. They will soon be here, and as soon as you see them, draw a fine bead;" Mrs. Sims in a coarse tone of voice and with feigned resolution, answering as she had been advised, "Never fear! let them once shew their yellow hides, and we'll pepper them." He would then retire into the house, change his garments, the better to support the deception, and again go forth to watch and give directions to those within. He pursued this plan until night, when he withdrew with his family to a place of safety. The Indians had actually been in the cornfield, and near enough to have shot Sims, -- the place where they had been sitting being plainly discernible next morning. Sims' artifice no doubt drove them off, and as they were retreating they fired the house of Jethro Thompson on Lost Creek. (Taken from Wither's CHRONICLES OF BORDER WARFARE.)

The other people in West Virginia by the name of Sims before 1800 were Joseph, Francis, and Jobe. They may be brothers or children of John Sims. A John Sims from Culpepper came to Hackers Creek about 1819 and John Sims and Margaret Baxter Sims came after 1820. Francis Sims married Catherine Alkire by J.W. Loofbouroow in Harrison County on January 1, 1788.

The children of John Sims, who lived in West Virginia before 1800, were Bernard Sims, William Sims, Margaret Elizabeth Sims & John Sims, Jr., and Nancy Sims. The Barbour County history by Maxwell reports that Bernard was the son of John Sims. Bernard Sims was working with or for Parsons when he was killed by Shawnee Indians in 1780 near Fort Minear.

Margaret Elizabeth Sims, daughter of John and Frances Sims was married to William Hurst in 1785. They lived on or near the farm of Jobe Sims in Monongalia Co., Va. After the death of William Hurst in 1802, Margaret Hurst moved her family to Harrison Co. Her first child Margaret Hurst, born 1785, was to marry John Harpole on May 1, 1809, and William Sims was to be a witness. This wedding did not occur and Margaret married Fields McWhorter in 1810. (This information was supplied to Mazie Sims Cochran by Harold R. Chancey of Fort Mill, S.C., a descendant of Walter McWhorter) John Harpole could be related to Nickolas Harpole who bought land with John Sims in 1786.

The Hurst family lived in Hardy Co. and later in Hampshire Co. Margaret E. Sims married William Hurst and had several children being John, Katherine, Nancy, Daniel, Margaret, Samuel, Callie, and William. The father died early and Margaret and her children moved to West Fort when her eldest child John was Fourteen. (BORDER SETTLERS OF NORTHWESTERN VIRGINIA)

Walter, the third and last son of Henry McWhorter, was born October 31, 1787. He inherited with his brother Thomas, the homestead on McKinney's Run. Margaret Sims Hurst McWhorter died December 27, 1853 from injuries sustained in a fall from the back of a runaway horse. Walter died August 12, 1860.

Nancy Sims, daughter of John, was married to Isaac Hyde in Harrison County on October 23, 1800 by J. Cheuvront.

William Sims, son of John Sims, was born about 1760-1765. He lived in Jane Lew in 1792. He owned 100 acres on McKinney Run in 1817 and was the first trustee of Old Harmony Church. In a transaction in Deed Book 12, Page 135, dated August 24, 1814, between Edmond West & the trustees of Harmony Methodist Church, the following trustees were named: John Mitchell, William Sims, William Mitchell, Peter Hardman, Sam Jones and Henry McWhorter. (By Benjamin Mitchell of Clarksburg.)

On March 10, 1817, William Sims and others each holding a commission as justice of the peace, assembled at Westfield, in the county of Lewis and resolved themselves into a court in conformity to the aforesaid act of the assembly.

The first wife of William Sims was Susanna and his second wife was Margaret Dever. William named his son Elijah administrator of his will written 1839 and probated 1846 in Lewis County. William owned 77 acres at his death which were sold to Benjamin Beal for \$404.50. (Mrs. Mazie Sims Cochran)

The children of William Sims by his first marriage to Susanna were Edward, John W., Catherine, Melly, William Jr., and Elijah. Children by his second wife, Margaret, were Susan, Gilmore, and Julia. (WVU Library)

Edward Sims, son of William Sims, married Mary Bush in Harrison County on March 28, 1807, by John Davis. Mary Bush was a ward of Edward West.

John W. Sims, son of William Sims, was born 1787 and died at the age of 69 on February 4, 1856. John W. Sims married Mary West (?) who was born 1791-92, about 1808-09. Mary died in 1827 at the age of 35 years. Both are buried side by side at Harmony Cemetery, Lewis County.

Catherine Sims, daughter of William Sims, married Peter Allman on Dec 1, 1813, in Harrison Co. by John Mitchel who was one of the first ministers at Old Harmony.

Melly Sims, daughter of William Sims, married Peter Launderman in 1816 in Harrison County.

William Sims, Jr., son of William Sr., married Hester McCray or McCoy in 1822. No record after that.

Elijah Sims, son of William was born February 12, 1805. He married Mary Jones on August 21, 1827, and later married Eliza Robinson. Children by the first marriage were Lemuel, William, James, Granville, John Wesley, and Caroline, and by the second marriage was Mary Ann.

The West Republican reported Elijah Sims death on May 29, 1883 -- "Elijah Simms (sic) was born Feb. 12, 1805 in Lewis Co., Vir. In 1827 he married to Mary Jones of Phil., Pa. with whom he lived over 20 years when she died. She had 5 sons and one daughter. He was a member of the M.E. Church. In 1849 he was married the second time to Eliza Robinson, who survives. He had one child by Eliza-Mary. Mary is the wife of J.R. Iaw. He was class leader of Mt. Hebron M.E. Church for 45 years."

Susan Sims, daughter of William and Margaret Sims was born about 1825 and married David Jones in Lewis Co. in 1843. (Mrs. Mazie Sims Cochran.)

Julia Ann (Juliann), daughter of William and Margaret Sims, was born about 1834.

Gilmore Sims, son of William Sims, was born in 1829 and married Mary Murray in 1854 in Cumberland, Md. He wrote "History of Randolph Co." Mary Murray was the daughter of Peter and Nancy Murray, a hotel innkeeper of Pickens, WV. (Mrs. Mazie Sims Cochran)

John W. Sims, son of William Sims, was born in 1787 and he and Mary had the following children - Leonard, Frank, Thomas, Henry Martin and Matthew.

John W. Sims was thrown from a horse and seriously injured and was practically an invalid for the remaining years of life. He lived in the vicinity of Jane Lew and was still living in 1840. He was believed to have a brother William but not record of a family. (Mrs. Mazie S. Cochran)

Leonard Sims, son of John W. Sims, was born about 1812 and married Hannah (Anna) Reeder, who was born in 1811, and had the following children - Gilbert, Elizabeth, Alfred, Louisa, Keiziah, and James. Leonard was a blacksmith whose death record in Lewis County on December 23, 1879, at K. Creek was 69 years, and 11 months. Records



show parents as J. & Mary (May) Sims in Book 1, Page 111. Information given by E. Crislip, daughter. Leonard owned land on Freeman Dist 1875-78. 14 acres NW 13 miles on Kinchelow Creek.

Frank Sims, son of John W. Sims, was born 1819 in Lewis Co. and married Sarah (Sallie) Wirt on July 29 1840 in Lewis Co. The Wirt Co. 1850 census shows Frank age 31, Sarah age 29, Ebenezer age 9, Emmaline age 7, Perry age 4, Isiah age 4. Frank was a farmer and merchant at Pee Wee, Wirt Co. (Right Reedy Creek). He owned land at head of Crane Nest Run. (Mrs. Mazie Sims Cochran)

I have no record of Buck Sims.

I do not believe that Nelson Sims was the son of John W. Sims as Mrs. Cochran does. Sims chart at WVU Library lists no Nelson Sims, but does list Buck who could be Nelson.

Thomas, son of John W., was born 1813 and could have been the Buck Sims listed. Death records in Harrison Co. on Sept 30, 1874, show Thomas died at the age of 61. The records list John and Mary Sims as parents. Thomas married Phoebe Reeder, sister of Hannah who was wife of Leonard. Phoebe Reeder was the daughter of Jesse & Eliza Reeder. She was born on Jesse Hughes Run and was married by William Williams in Harrison Co. on July 25, 1833. Thomas was a member of Old Harmony.

Henry Martin Sims, son of John W., was born June 12, 1815, in Harrison Co. and was married to Susanna Waggoner in Lewis Co. in 1837. Susanna was born Mar 16 1814 and was the granddaughter of John Waggoner. The 1840 census in Lewis Co. lists a male between 50-60 who was probably John W. Sims. The census of Wirt Co. for 1850 lists the following: Martin-35, Susan-35, Granville-12, John Wesley-10, Edward-8, Henry-6, Perry G.-5, Olive M.-3, and Mary Eliza-1. Minter B was born 1852, Susan Eliz was born 1853, nad Martin Luther was born 1856. H.M. Sims died Feb 15, 1882. Martin is buried with his wife and at least two of his sons in the Sims' Cemetery on land they owned at the head of Cains Run just above the Good Hope Baptist Church just off Rt. 14 near Reedy, Roane Co. (Mrs. Cochran)

I have no record of Matthew Sims.

The children of Leonard Sims are Gilbert, Elizabeth, Alfred, Louisa, Keiziah, and James. Gilbert was born about 1834 and was still in Lewis Co. in 1860. Elizabeth was born about 1836 and married a Crislip. Alfred was born January 1, 1840-41.

Alfred Sims, son of Leonard, was born in 1840 or 1841 and married Minerva Hinzman on April 4, 1867 at the age of 27. Minerva was 20 and the daughter of William and Mary Hinzman. They were married in Lewis County.

Alfred Sims enlisted for the south in the Civil War on May 21, 1861, in Clarksburg by Capt. V.M. Turner for one year. Military records show that Alfred was 24 on January 12, 1863, and was born in Louisa Co., Vir. and that he had blue eyes and light hair and that he was a farmer. He was in Company C, 31 Virginia Inf-Private and he appeared on list of casualties of Col. Johnson's command in the battle of Alleghany Mt., West Virginia on 12-13-1861. Wounded in the side. On October 1862 he was assigned to the hospital at Lynchburg. He appears on the list of Early's (4th) Brigade.

Marriage records list Alfred Sims place of birth as Lewis Co.

Weston Democrat reported on June 6, 1891, on page 4, the following --  
"Alfred Sims, a highly respected citizen who was born at Rockford, Harrison Co., 56 years of age, and a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, died on Sunday last. Mr. Sims' many friends will regret his loss."

The children of Alfred were William, Mary L., Alonzo V., James W., Ivy B., Rosa K., Eva G., and Albert Lawson Sims, who is my grandfather.

from the Bible of Andrew Stalnaker and Eunice Brown Stalnaker  
Which was in possession of Romie Stalnaker  
Whereabouts unknown

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Andrew Stalnaker | born June 7, 1828      |
| Eunice Brown     | born 28 February 1833  |
| Samuel J.        | born 4 October 1853    |
| John W.          | born 28 March 1855     |
| Sarah Ann        | born 2 December 1856   |
| Weeden R.        | born 12 November 1858  |
| Charles A.       | born 28 January 1861   |
| George W.        | born 11 May 1863       |
| Walter M.        | born 29 March 1866     |
| Alice E.         | born 2 September 1868  |
| Floyd Green      | born 31 July 1870      |
| Mary (Mollie)    | born 1 May 1872        |
| Romeo A.         | born 10 September 1874 |

#### Deaths

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Weeden R. Stalnaker      | 6 February 1861                         |
| Charles A. Stalnaker     | 15 September 1862                       |
| Samuel Stalnaker         | 16 September 1862                       |
| Floyd Stalnaker          | 14 April 1871                           |
| George W.                | 22 July 1880                            |
| Andrew Stalnaker         | 10 October 1894, age 66 years           |
| Alice Stalnaker          | 8 December 1902, age 35yrs, 3 mo. 5 da. |
| Eunice Stalnaker         | 30 November 1904, 71 yr. 9 mo. 2 da.    |
| Sarah Stalnaker Starcher | 25 March 1917, age 60 yr. 3 mo. 23 da.  |
| Mary M. Stalnaker Ott    | 16 January 1920                         |

#### STALNAKERS AND BROWNS BURIED AT BROAD RUN - as known by me

BROWN, Barbara, b. 22 Nov 1827, died 7 Feb 1887 w/o Elias - nee Life  
BROWN, Claudiaais Allman d. 17 July 1874 s/o Dr. W.A.J. and Sarah Bailey  
BROWN, David, b. 8 Feb 1861, d. 6 May 1884 s/o Pascal & Mary Jane Brown Brown  
BROWN, Edward, d. 31 July 1825 s/o John and Eleanor Borgardis  
BROWN, Elias b. 12 June 1823, d. 21 Mar 1893, s/o Samuel, gr. son of James, Sr.  
BROWN, Elizabeth 3 y10m21d d/o Samuel and Elizabeth Bailey Brown  
BROWN, J. d. 13 Sept 1835 Vet. Rev. War - (John or James, have deaths of  
John 14 Sept and James 13 Sept.  
both 1835)  
BROWN, James d. 16 May 1866, aged 66y 6mld s/o James, Sr., h/o Susannah  
Stalnaker  
BROWN, Okey L. d. 31 Dec 1886 w/o Samuel & Margaret  
BROWN, P.P. (Pascal) b. 2 Sept 1820 d. 26 Apr 1910 s/o Samuel & Elizabeth Bailey  
m. 10 Sept 1852 Mary Jen BROWN d/o David and Deborah Stalnaker Brown  
BROWN, Samuel d. 22 Feb 1866, age 73 y, son of James, Sr. & Mary Shepherd Brown  
BROWN, Susan d. 23 Feb 1861, aged 62 y 10m 23d. w/o James, who died 1866.  
nee Susannah Stalnaker  
BROWN, Waldo b. 1831, d. 1925 w/o Samuel  
BROWN, Washington d. 12 Nov. 1846 s/o Samuel and Elizabeth

STALNAKER, Charles d. 16 Sept 1868 s/o Samuel and Susannah Radcliff Stalnaker  
STALNAKER, Charles d. 15 Sept 1862 ly7ml7d, s/o Andrew & Eunice Brown Stalnaker  
STALNAKER, Floyd G. d. 13 Apr 1871 s/o Andrew and Eunice Brown Stalnaker  
STALNAKER, Samuel J. d. 16 Sept 1862 s/o Andrew and Eunice Brown Stalnaker  
STALNAKER, Susan d. 14 May 1863 w/o Charles (nee Susan England  
STALNAKER, Weeden, d. 6 Feb. 1861 s/o Andrew & Eunice Brown Stalanker  
b. 12 Nov 1858

EDITOR'S NOTE: If the submitter of this article will send me their name, I will give credit for the research.

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#### HACKER RESEARCH IN ENGLAND

Rev. Charles Rehkopf, 642 Clark Avenue, Webster Groves, MO 63119, a Hacker descendant, has been in contact with Debret Ancestry Research of London re research on the story of Francis Hacker, regicide, being an ancestor of our John Hacker. Charles, a direct descendant of William Hacker, author of "The Hacker Records", has done considerable research and believes he has enough data to support the paid research. There is one drawback - \$\$\$\$. The research will cost \$400. He feels that he can pay half of this and wonders if there are other descendants out there who would like to chip in. (The editor has done so.) For further information regarding this research, please write to Rev. Rehkopf.

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#### DONATION

A History of Lewis County, West Virginia and Mountaineer Spirit has been compiled by Lawrence M. Chapman and donated to the HCPD Library. Another book has also been donated by him on other early Virginia families. Mr. C., if you'll send the title page, I'll tell folks the name of the book.

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#### WANTED TO BUY

1. Anyone having UPSHUR BROTHERS OF THE BLUE AND THE GREY by Betty Hornbeck for sale, please contact Janis Cutright, 205 Belvedere SE, Warren, OH 44483.
2. Would like to buy HISTORY OF LEWIS COUNTY by Smith. Write with condition of book and price. Cris Wagener, 2060 W. 41st St., Casper, WY 82604.

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#### Address Changes

1. Ann Sandler, 6604 Boulder Dr., NW., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405.
2. James D. Anderson, 100-3 Hudson Ave., Athens, OH 45701
3. Frank and Jolene Bracken have a second address: 1625 N. Point Lonesome Rd., Inverness, FL
4. Clifton Chancey, 240 8th St., Apt. 1-S, Brooklyn, NY 11215

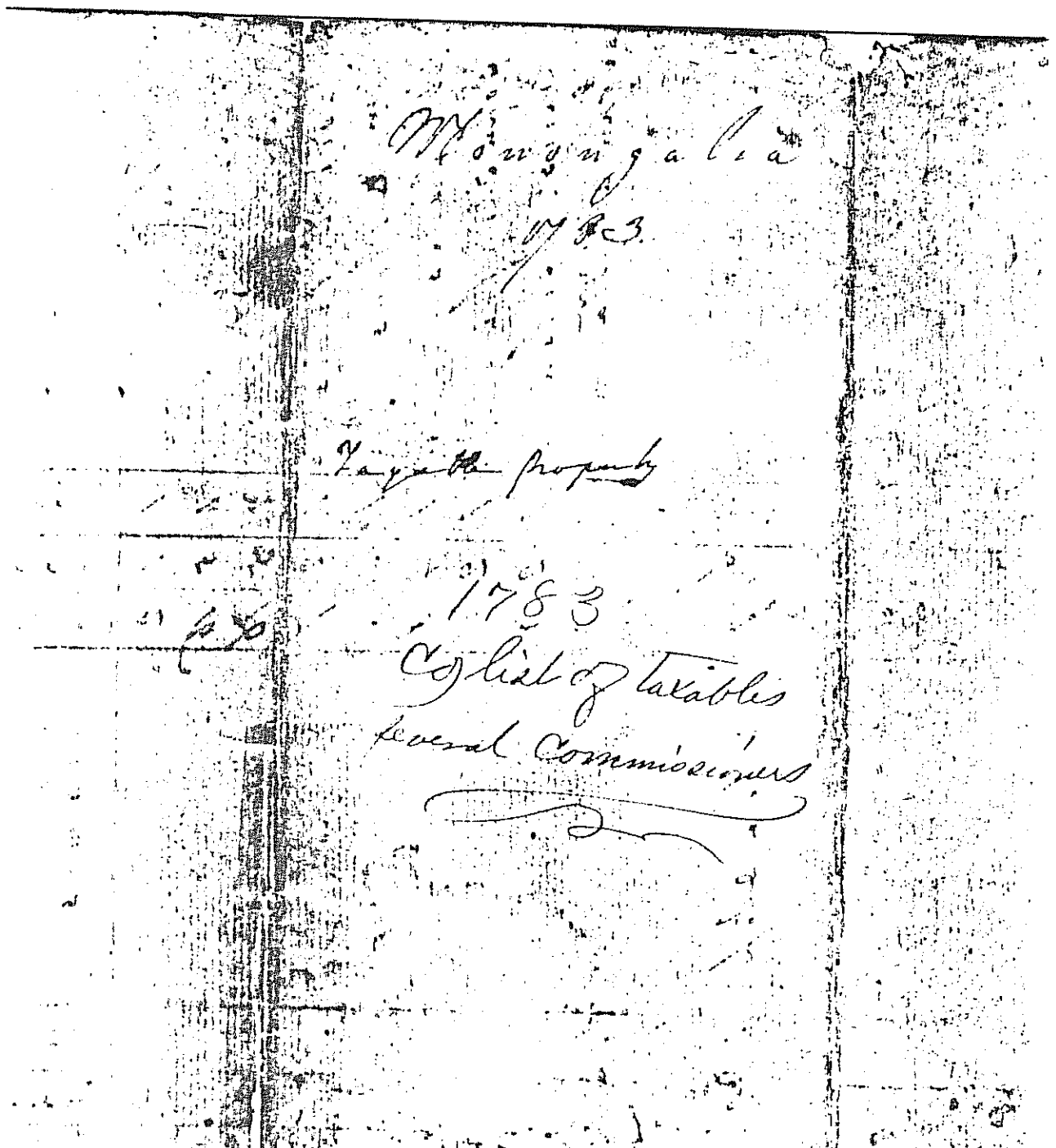
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Please have your queries for January issue to Joy by January 1, 1986.

MONONGALIA 1783 - TAXABLE PROPERTY CO. LIST OF TAXABLES - SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS

The next seven pages is are copies of the original taxable property lists for Monongalia County as found in the West Virginia Regional History Collection, West Virginia University, A&M 70130, by Dennis Rodgers. They are for the year 1783 and contain those persons who then resided in what is now Harrison and Lewis Counties as well as the several other counties formed from old Monongalia.

In the next issue, these names will be transcribed from these lists to the best of the abilities of the editor.





| Names.             | Tithe | Horse | Cattle | Names.                          | Tithe | Horse | Cattle |
|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| John Scott jr.     | 1     | 1     | 2      | Thos. Chippis                   |       |       |        |
| John Ramsey        | 2     | 3     | 9      | John Graham                     |       |       |        |
| Jacob Cozap        | 1     | 3     | 8      | Amos Roberts                    |       |       |        |
| Samuel Noble       | 1     | 8     | 10     | Tom Kishpatrick                 |       |       |        |
| Francis Swellin    | 1     | 3     | 4      | Ans. Kishpatrick                |       |       |        |
| John Jones         | 1     | 2     | 3      | Jacob Coultis                   |       |       |        |
| Charles Giesby     | 1     |       | 2      | Ezekiel Jones                   |       |       |        |
| Geo. Jenkins       | 1     | 1     | 1      | John Stetis                     |       |       |        |
| Barth. Jenkins     | 6     | 7     | 13     | Wm Roberts                      |       |       |        |
| Andw. Lee          | 1     | 1     |        | So. Butter                      |       |       |        |
| John Drago         | 1     | 2     | 3      | James Morgan                    |       |       |        |
| Fred. Lee. Sen.    | 1     | 2     | 7      | Thos. Butler                    |       |       |        |
| John Lee           | 1     | 1     | 1      | Parvis Thompson                 |       |       |        |
| James Ross         | 1     | 1     | 2      | Wm Biggs                        |       |       |        |
| John Scott. Sen.   | 1     | 2     | 8      | Barth. London                   |       |       |        |
| Thomas Swellin     | 2     | 4     | 5      | John Doughty                    |       |       |        |
| Jacob Jones        | 1     | 2     | 6      | Hugh Morgan                     |       |       |        |
| Edward Johnson     | 1     | 2     | 6      | Wm Morgan                       |       |       |        |
| Ans. John          | 1     | 1     | 2      | John Green                      |       |       |        |
| Elias Pearce       | 1     | 3     | 6      | Geo. Lemon                      |       |       |        |
| Richd. Lowe        | 1     | 1     | 1      | refuses to give in his property |       |       |        |
| Samuel Swellin     | 1     | 2     | 16     | Jacob Woolf                     |       |       |        |
| Jeremiah Simpson   | 1     | 6     | 4      | Thomas Cherry                   |       |       |        |
| Nathan Lowe        | 1     | 2     | 2      | Martin Judry                    |       |       |        |
| Adam Melnech       | 1     | 2     | 2      | John Wdm or                     |       |       |        |
| Patrick Johnson    | 1     | 2     | 3      | So. Lane                        |       |       |        |
| John Dorothy       | 1     | 2     | 3      | Martin Hues                     |       |       |        |
| Wm Hamiston        | 2     | 5     | 10     | Daniel Stevens                  |       |       | x      |
| So. Martin         | 1     | 2     | 5      | So. Stevens                     |       |       | x      |
| Franc. Warriman    | 4     | 4     | 4      | Martin Judry                    |       |       | x      |
| Nathan Butler      | 1     | 1     |        | James M. Collins                |       |       | x      |
| Jeremiah Hannahill | 1     | 3     | 6      | Geo. Kinner                     |       |       |        |
| Elias Layton       | 1     | 2     | 6      | Chas. Donaldson                 |       |       |        |
| So. Downing        | 1     | 3     | 3      | John Welch                      |       |       |        |
| Wm Petty John      | 2     | 3     | 8      | John Connor                     |       |       | x      |
| Arthur Gradoc      |       | 2     | 8      | John Kelly                      |       |       |        |

| Thomas. |       |       |                 | Thomas. |       |       |          |  |
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| Blk.    | House | Cell. |                 | Blk.    | House | Cell. |          |  |
| 1       | 2     | 15    | Thomas Griggs   | 1       | 2     | 8     | Attison  |  |
| 1       | 3     | 6     | William Barnes  | 1       | 1     | 8     | Thos. Sp |  |
| 1       | 3     | 8     | My Barnes       | 1       | 1     | 2     | Samuel   |  |
| 1       | 2     | 5     | Sam Barnes      | 1       | 2     |       | David    |  |
| 1       | 5     | 11    | Charles Bennett | 1       | 3     | 10    | James    |  |
| 1       |       |       | Robert Bennett  | 1       | 2     | 2     | John     |  |
| 1       | 5     | 21    | Thomas Barnes   | 1       | 2     | 5     | John     |  |
| 1       | 5     | 11    | John Loder      | 1       | 6     |       | Thom     |  |
| 1       | 1     | 4     | Wm Stewart      | 1       | 8     | 18    | John     |  |
| 1       |       | 6     | Richard Cairn   | 1       | 2     | 7     | James    |  |
| 1       | 7     | 14    | John Davidson   | 1       | 4     | 17    | John     |  |
| 1       | 6     | 18    | Wm Cunningham   | 1       | 2     | 9     | John     |  |
| 1       |       |       | John Cline      | 1       |       |       | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     | 4     | Thomas Wright   | 1       | 2     | 13    | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     |       | James Moffat    | 1       | 2     | 4     | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     | 7     | David McIndoe   | 1       | 4     | 1     | John     |  |
| 1       | 4     | 10    | James Wallis    | 1       | 3     |       | James    |  |
| 1       | 2     | 2     | Henry Coll      | 1       |       |       | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     | 9     | David Scott     | 2       | 10    | 10    | John     |  |
| 1       | 1     | 4     | Philip Randall  | 1       | 4     | 4     | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     | 2     | James Current   | 1       |       | 7     | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     | 9     | John Goosy      | 1       | 2     | 9     | John     |  |
| 1       | 5     | 9     | John Ramsay     | 1       | 1     | 7     | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     | 7     | John Martin     | 2       | 7     | 12    | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     |       | John Bush       | 1       |       |       | John     |  |
| 1       | 2     |       | Henry Smith     | 1       | 2     | 7     | John     |  |
| 1       | 5     | 5     | John Murphy     | 1       | 5     |       | John     |  |
| 1       | 3     | 4     | James Purdie    | 1       | 2     | 3     | John     |  |
| 1       | 4     | 8     | Daniel Buschell | 1       | 2     | 6     | John     |  |
| 1       | 1     | 3     | Thomas Harrison | 1       | 1     |       | John     |  |
| 1       | 1     | 1     | Thomas Pindell  | 1       | 6     | 7     | John     |  |
| 1       | 4     | 4     | John Pinner     | 1       | 3     | 4     | John     |  |
| 1       | 4     | 4     | Wm Lancaster    | 1       | 4     |       | John     |  |

| Names. |       |      | Names. |       |      |
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| Rank   | House | Col. | Rank   | House | Col. |
| 1      | 2     | 7    | 1      | 6     | 11   |
| 1      | 18    | 17   | 1      | 1     |      |
| 1      | 5     | 10   | 1      | 2     | 6    |
| 1      | 2     | 7    | 1      | 2     | 2    |
| 1      | 2     | 4    | 2      | 12    | 1    |
| 1      | 7     | 9    | 1      | 1     | 6    |
| 1      | 7     | 8    | 1      | 1     | 8    |
| 1      | 4     | 4    | 1      | 1     | 14   |
| 1      | 5     | 9    | 1      | 6     | 13   |
| 1      | 5     | 7    | 1      | 3     | 10   |
| 1      | 1     | 3    | 1      | 4     | 10   |
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| Names               | horses | horses | horses | Names                  | horses | horses | horses |
| Wm. Westfall        | 1      | 7      | 0      | Wm. Westfall           | 1      | 7      | 11     |
| John Cartwright jr. | 2      | 8      | 7      | Daniel Carpenter       | 1      | 6      | 9      |
| John Deuby          | 1      | 5      | 7      | David Haden            | 1      | 2      | 17     |
| Richard Hens        | 1      | 1      | 1      | Christ. Tuby           | 1      | 2      | 19     |
| John S. Stalcker    | 1      | 5      | 17     | John Haddon            | 1      | 4      | 8      |
| Bing. Wilson        | 2      | 5      | 23     | Wm. Shasow             | 1      | 3      | 8      |
| Wm. Phillips        | 1      | 4      | 14     | David Henderson        | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| Elish. Springston   | 1      | 3      | 10     | Elmer Riffe            | 1      | 3      | 11     |
| Wm. R. Telford      | 1      | 3      | 8      | Edison & Co. Jr.       | 1      | 3      | 1      |
| Thomas H. Smith     | 1      | 4      | 8      | Bing. Abbott           | 1      | 6      | 14     |
| Peter Breeding      | 1      | 2      | 3      | Charles Farnelson      | 1      | 4      | 23     |
| Elish. Shavers      | 1      | 1      | 19     | Joe Farnelson          | 1      | 2      | 6      |
| Sydney Curran       | 1      | 3      | 5      | Bing. Jones            | 1      | 2      | 10     |
| Wm. Maswell         | 1      | 2      | 9      | John Wardick           | 3      | 13     | 24     |
| Wm. Maddison        | 1      | 4      | 5      | Patrick Hamilton       | 1      | 5      | 15     |
| Wm. Curran          | 1      | 2      | 2      | Wm. Hamilton           | 1      | 3      | 14     |
| John Murphy         | 1      | 1      | 3      | James Harne            | 1      | 7      | 2      |
| John Crouch Sr.     | 1      | 11     | 24     | Robert Henderson       | 1      | 4      | 5      |
| John C. Grandin     | 1      | 7      | 24     | Charles Parsons        | 1      | 4      | 5      |
| John Crouch Jr.     | 1      | 5      | 16     | Geo. Parsons           | 1      | 3      | 2      |
| David Casady        | 1      | 5      | 7      | Joe Parsons            | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| Wm. Casady          | 1      | 6      | 6      | Joe Stotts             | 1      | 2      | 1      |
| Wm. Curran          | 1      | 3      | 4      | Nathan Surpin          | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| George Westfall Jr. | 1      | 5      | 16     | James Lackey           | 1      | 4      | 7      |
| James Parthen       | 1      | 2      | 1      | Thos. Lackey           | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| Geo. C. Hodge       | 1      | 3      | 4      | Isaac Stotts           | 1      | 4      | 1      |
| Sam. A. Henry       | 1      | 3      | 5      | Bing. Hombach          | 1      | 5      | 1      |
| Edw. C. Petty       | 1      | 5      | 11     | Henry Delay            | 1      | 5      | 12     |
| Sam. Casady         | 1      | 6      | 10     | Daniel Carpenter       | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| Philip C. H.        | 1      | 1      | 2      | Edw. property of James | 1      | 4      | 5      |
| John Parly          | 1      | 4      | 3      | Robert C. C.           | 1      | 1      | 1      |
| John Yeckum         | 1      | 1      | 7      | Joe Hastings           | 1      | 2      | 8      |
| Isaac C. H.         | 1      | 4      | 10     | Geo. Jackson           | 1      | 3      | 5      |
| Peter Casady        | 1      | 1      | 6      | Thos. Barkley          | 1      | 3      | 6      |
| Thomas M. Donald    | 1      | 2      | 6      | Wm. Davis              | 2      | 6      | 10     |
| Joe Crouch          | 1      | 8      | 15     | Obediah Davison        | 1      | 2      | 7      |
| Geo. Westfall       | 1      | 11     | 11     | Asiah Davison          | 1      | 1      | 2      |
| Geo. Shasow         | 1      | 4      | 4      | Thos. Nutter           | 1      | 5      | 19     |

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| Names            | -49- | M. B. S. | horses | Cattle | Names | M. B. S. | horses | Cattle |
|------------------|------|----------|--------|--------|-------|----------|--------|--------|
| Peter Pickens    |      | 1        | 1      | 2      |       |          |        |        |
| John Smyth       |      | 1        | 5      | 16     |       |          |        |        |
| Casper E. S. S.  |      | 2        | 5      | 16     |       |          |        |        |
| David Watkins    |      | 1        | 2      | 7      |       |          |        |        |
| Wm. Watkins      |      | 1        | .      | .      |       |          |        |        |
| Wm. Owens        |      | 1        | 4      | 8      |       |          |        |        |
| John Shipley     |      | 1        | 2      | .      |       |          |        |        |
| Chas. St. George |      | 1        | 2      | 8      |       |          |        |        |
| John McMahon     |      | 1        | 4      | 7      |       |          |        |        |
| by J. P. ...     |      |          |        |        |       |          |        |        |

QUERY ANSWERS

Some while back, we said that we'd like to publish some of the answers to some of the queries - when information was found. One of our members, who wishes to remain nameless, enjoys finding answers for other member's queries - even though she may have no connection to their family. She challenges others in the organization to help one member per issue and publish their answers in the Journal. Here are some answers from queries in Vol. III, Iss. 3.

#2 - for Sarah Trecoast re the par. of Zebedee Fisher:

1850 census of Lewis Co., (W)V

Household 208-209

Michael Fisher, ae 68, b. Va  
Anna, ae 70, b. Va  
Dolly, ae 45, b. Va  
Suzan, ae 34, b. Va  
Mariah, ae 30, b. Va  
Pheba, ae 25, b. Va  
Twins Francis and Rhachel, ae 6, b. Va  
James F., ae 4, b. Va  
Anderson, ae 1, b. Va  
Eliza, ae 8, b. Va  
Zebulon (Zebidee?), ae 4, b. Va  
Peggy, ae 1, b. Va

Michael's wife was Anna Butcher whom he m. 9 Oct 1803 in Pendleton Co. (History of Pendleton Co., p. 321 and Marriages of Pendleton County, Virginia 1788-1853, p. 20, compiled by Mary Harter.

There were three widow Fishers on the 1850 census of Lewis County. Seems the family had three to six deaths early - ca 1840.

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#3 - for John E. McKee re information on Nelson and Catharine (Lamb) Robinson:

1850 Lewis Co. Census

Nelson Robinson, ae 41, b. Va, a farmer  
Catharine, ae 37, b. Va,  
Marshall, ae 16, b. Va  
Cecilia, ae 13, b. Va  
Elam, ae 9, b. Va  
George, ae 6, b. Va  
Rachel, ae 4, b. Va

1 Lewis County Marriages compiled by Wes Cochran gives Nelson's and Catharine's wedding date as 28 Jan 1833.

History of Upshur County, p. 504, says Elam m. Almira Arminta Marple, d/o John W. and Ruth (Rager) Marple.

Vol III, Iss. 2, Query #3 for Juanita Burkner re par. Paulser Butcher:

According to West Virginians in the Revolution by Johnston, p. 40/41, both Lewis and Gilmer counties claim burial places of Paulser Butcher, but the evidence is in favor of the Butcher Cemetery in Lewis County. He is believed to be buried there with his wife, Elizabeth Rush Butcher, and an unbroken line of descendants  
Cont. on pg. 5

QUERIES

All members are entitled to unlimited queries per year; however, it generally is impossible to publish more than two or three per person per issue. An effort is made to keep the queries current. If more than one issue has passed and you have not seen a query that you submitted, please re-submit it. Uncle Sam isn't perfect (and neither is the Editor) and mail does get lost enroute to me (and sometimes it's misfiled). Queries should be on a 3x5 card and mailed to: Queries, HCF, Joy Gilchrist, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845.

1. Who are the parents of Phillip FISHER b. ca 1800, d. 11 Apr 1848; m. Mary BUSH b. --- 1807, d. Mar 1876. Their mar. dated 4 Jun 1824, Lewis Co., (W)V; who were her parents? Lillian O. NUHL, 3226 Greenfield NW, Warren, OH 44485.
2. Will appreciate info on family of Joshua SMITH b. ca 1800-10, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, s/o Jacob, b. ca 1830, who m. Elizabeth WILLOUGHBY, all of Lewis Co. Who were Joshua's and Elizabeth's parents and when did they immigrate to WV? These are my husband's grandparents. Also need info on Lorenzo W. PUGH, b. ca 1831, m. Pri(u)scilla W. BRUFFEY, ca 1853. Who were their parents? Their dau. Lillia Ann PUGH, m. Charles William SMITH 18 Apr 1878, s/o Jacob and Elizabeth (WILLOUGHBY) SMITH. Mrs. Donald E. SINES, 25 Eaton Rd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124
3. Seek parents of Squires G. SCHOOLCRAFT, b. Jun 1830, Pulaski Co., KY. On 1900 census he states both par. b. in VA. Other Schoolcrafts of interest are: James, John and Michael of Garrard Co. 1797-1804; John, James, James Jr. and Peggy of Pulaski Co 1801-1803; John and George of Clay Co 1807-1812; Andrew Jackson, b. 1818, place unknown and Meekha b. 1826, place unknown, both appear in Pulaski Co. in 1840. Edward J. SCHOOLCRAFT, 4809 Douglas MacArthur NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
4. Need help with Thomas Smallwood WILSON, b. Nov 1791/Monongalia Co., VA, m. 27 Jul 1811, same co., Hannah VAN CAMP. His father, William WILSON, and grandfather, George WILSON, were named on a deed. Would like to hear from anyone searching this WILSON family. Need par. Charles WASHBURN, d. 1782/Harrison Co., (W)V. Believe he came from Culpeper Co., VA. He m. Rebecca LOWTHER. Par. possibly John and Susannah WASHBURN. Would like to hear from anyone searching John O. KELLEY (1 Oct 1840-13 Jul 1898/Ritchie Co.), s/o James KELLEY; John m. Mary Ann SUMMERS 25 Apr 1861. Will answer all letters. Betty L. JONES, Box 1203, Globe, AZ, 85502.
5. Seek par., dates of birth and death, and places of burial for George A. WESTFALL, b. 1820, and first wife, Mary ELLENSWORTH/KILLINGSWORTH. Son, William F., b. 1841/Upshur Co. Second wife of George was Mary CUTRIGHT. Barbara Jo RENTKER, Rd 4, Box 276B, Paris, TN 38242.
6. Need info on John Edward CUMMINS, b 1815, m. Mary DAWSON, b. 1818; James Austin CUMMINS, b. 1847, m. Margaret Olive FRANCIS, b. ca 1858, and their children, Susan Margaret (Maggie), Retta, Hattie, Bertie, Orie and Willie. The FRANCIS family lived in Lost Creek area, but I have no info on them except most of them died young of tuberculosis. James Austin CUMMINS also m. Virginia CURRY and had sons John E. and Charles. After Virginia died, CURRY relatives raised John and Charles--maybe also raised James' and Olive's children after their mother died. Would appreciate any information or stories about any of the above. Patsy DAWSON, 1013 Willow, Celina, OH 45822.
7. Last issue I had a query re LUDWELL HITT. There was a misspelling, which I realize was an oversight. I have since found the LUDDICK, which incidentally is also LUDWELL. Am looking for desc. Joseph L. HITT, Rockingham Co., VA. He had children: Clinton, Clarence Clark, Jlla Virginia (m. Albert W. KIRKPATRICK),

Ava (d. young), and James David HITT. Joseph and his wife, Mary (Molly), and dau., Ava, are bur. in Elkton. Other children scattered. Ann L. LINN, 2812 Erie Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234.

8. Seek info George KINSEY, f/o Benjamin F. KIMNEY, b. 13 Apr 1847, Taylor Co., (W)V. Virginia Ruth HOPEL, 111 Burton, Morrow, OH 45152.

9. In reading Vol. III of the "Journal", I located two of my grandmother's sisters, Mary A. (HOUGHTON) SIMONS and Flora B. (HOUGHTON) SIMONS. Would like to hear from anyone have info on HOUGHTON family. Mrs. Robert MORRIS, 1288 W. Oakland, Chandler, AZ 85224.

10. Would like info on brothers and sisters of Madison and Elizabeth (BONNETT) allman, and anything about his parents, Peter and Catherine (SIMS) ALLMAN. Who were Peter's brothers, sisters and parents? Nancy ALLMAN, 4719 Sayre Ave., Parkersburg, WV 26101.

11. Looking for info re Joseph HAMILTON/HAMBLETON, b. ca 1790/Ireland; m. Martha MATHEWS, b. ca 1796 PA. By 1840 were in Wood Co., OH. Children: Frances, Abraham, James William, and Thomas give OH, PA, and VA as birthplace but with no consistency. Frances D. HAMILTON m. John BUSSEH from Columbiana Co., OH. Lolita GUTHRIE, 123 E. Grove St., Bowling Green, OH 43402.

12. Want birthplace and parents of George KIRKENDALL/KYKENDALL, b. 1770, m. Elizabeth BRIGGS, b. 1770, and owned land in Ohio in 1790. Their children: Rosanna, b. 1790, m. John COZAD, b. NJ; Elizabeth, b. 1792, m. Absolen HACKER; Polly, b. 1795, m. Joseph KIRKENDALL, b. WV; Mathew, b. 1797, m. Sarah MARTIN; Sarah, b. 1799, was 2nd wife of Alexander HACKER; Joseph, b. 1802, m. Olive ???; Susannah, b. 1805, m. Conrad GRINDLE; Hannah, b 1807, m. Israel JACKSON; George W., b. 1811, m. Elizabeth WEESE; Catherine, b. 1813, m. James WEESE. What is relationship to Joseph KIRKENDALL, b. ca 1775 (W)V, and Mary SPILLIAN, b. 1775 (W)V. Children: Joseph, b. 1795 (W)V, m. Polly KIRKENDALL; Jacob, b. ca 1805 (W)V, m. Delilah COLLINS; John J., b. ca 1806 (W)V, m. (2) Sophronia ROCKWELL; George S., b. 1813 OH, m. Elizabeth BAINES and Margaret SCOTT; Uriah, b. ca 1818 OH, m. Mary WEESE. I do not know the females. They stopped a few years in Ohio and then went to Indiana before 1820. Arlene SAFFELL, 713 E. Maple Ave., El Segundo, CA 90245.

13. William RICHARDS, s/o Conrad RICHARDS, SR., m. Margaret MATTHEWS, d/o Lashley MATTHEWS, 6 Sept 1798/Harrison Co., (W)Va. Who was mother of Margaret? Any help concerning the MATTHEWS family will be appreciated. James F. STEPHENS, Rt. 1, Pineview Dr., Laurinburg, NC 28352.

14. Does anyone know when or where Jacob SCHOOLCRAFT and Rebecca PARSONS were married? Would like to correspond w/anyone who has an interest in: SCHOOLCRAFT, PICKERING, SWABOT, BUSH or SYMES. Edna Marie (SCHOOLCRAFT) BROOM, 3168 Townline, Gmer, MI 48749.

15. Seeking exchange of information re MAPLE, HOWELL, and WEAVER families who settled in Monongalia, Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, Barbour Wood and Jackson counties of West Virginia in the late 1700's and 1800's. Iris Lambert HALL, 2819 5th Ave., Pueblo, CO 81003.

16. Grant Frederick TAPSCOTT was b. out of wedlock 3 Oct 1884 to Mary Emma SANDERS at Marshall, Clark Co., Ill. She later married Joseph TAPSCOTT and my grandfather according to family tradition, "took" the name of TAPSCOTT. On his marr. license he gave his father's name as Grant WRIGHT. To date that is the only information I have as to his real father. Is there any connection to Gabriel WRIGHT of FOUR REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS? Would appreciate any info. Patricia APPLEWHITE, 1285 Hancock RD, Riviera, AZ 86442.

17. Am researching family of Jonathan HUGHES. After reading recent history in the Journal and collecting a great deal of controversial material, am still in quandry about his parentage. Would like the name of someone who has access to Uncle Boyd Statler's files. Would be interested in some copies of his documents and specific sources where he obtained them. Have access to the files at the Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, WI, and will help anyone I can.

Mrs. Ilou M. SANFORD, 346 College St., Box 145, Milton, WI 53563

18. Who was George HACKER, b. ca 1844 in Germany (?), 1870 Taylor Co., WV, census. Wife Mary, ae 31 b. Md, two children. Joy GILCHRIST, 22406 SR 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845.

19. Need parents of Edith HACKER, b. ca 1840 in Lewis Co., m. Elizha NORMAN, b. 1869, Calhoun Co., WV. They lived in Gilmer Co. Beatrice CAIN, Rt. 6, Caldwell, OH 43724.

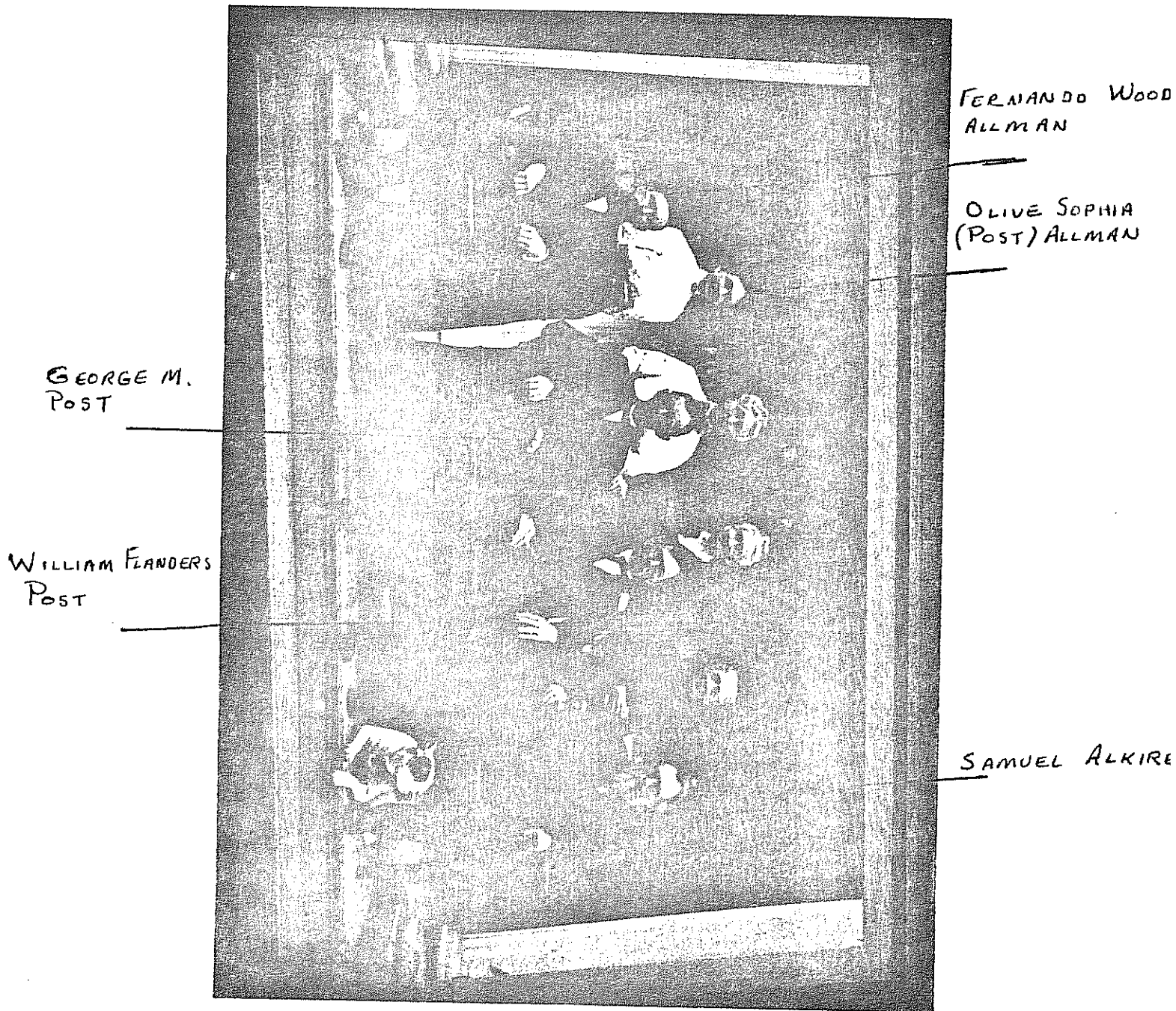
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WHO ARE THE OTHERS?



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IN BULKHANON